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- Page 22: In line 31 *for* "steam-vessel" *read* "steam-vessels".  
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Page 481: In line 10 *for* "for" *read* "or";  
In line 20 *for* "[Central Government]" *read* "[Central Government]"; and  
*Insert* as the first footnote:—  
"Subs. by the A. O. for 'I. G.'"  
Page 511: In line 3 *for* "diseased" *read* "deceased".



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ACT No. I OF 1917.<sup>1</sup>

[7th February, 1917.]

## An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to Inland Steam-vessels.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate the enactments relating to inland steam-vessels; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

## CHAPTER I.

## PRELIMINARY.

**1.** (1) This Act may be called the Inland Steam-vessels Act, 1917. Short title, extent and commencement.

(2) It extends, in the first instance, to the whole of British India, except the territories administered by the Governor of Fort St. George in Council; and

It shall come into force on such <sup>2</sup>date as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government], by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], may direct.

(3) The <sup>5</sup>[Provincial Government] may, at any time, by notification in the <sup>6</sup>[Official Gazette], extend this Act or any part thereof to the whole or any part of the territories <sup>7</sup>[mentioned in subsection (2) and under its administration]; and the Act or part so extended shall come into force in such territories or part thereof on such date as may be specified in this behalf in such notification.

**2.** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject Definitions or context,—

(1) “inland steam-vessel” means a steam-vessel which ordinarily plies on any inland water;

(2) “inland water” means any canal, river, lake or other navigable water in British India;

(3) “passenger” includes any person carried in a steam-vessel other than the master and crew and the owner, his family and servants;

(4) “prescribed” means prescribed by any rule under this Act;

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1916, Pt. V, p. 71; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1916, Pt. VI, p. 541, and *ibid.*, 1917, Pt. VI, p. 17.

<sup>2</sup> 1st June, 1917, see notification No. 6256-S., dated 1st June, 1917, Gen. R. and O., Vol. IV, p. 516.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Gazette of India”.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Governor of Fort St. George in Council”.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Fort St. George Gazette”.

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “under his administration”.

<sup>8</sup> For power to define how much of any tidal water shall be deemed to be an “inland water”, see s. 70, *infra*.

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- (5) "Steam-vessel" means every description of vessel propelled wholly or in part by the agency of steam;
  - (6) "survey" means the survey of a steam-vessel under this Act;
  - (7) "surveyor" means a surveyor appointed under this Act; and
  - (8) "voyage" includes the plying of a steam-vessel at or about any place.
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## CHAPTER II.<sup>1</sup>

### SURVEY OF INLAND STEAM-VESSELS.

Inland steam-vessel not to proceed on voyage or to be used for service without certificate of survey.

Appointment of surveyors and places of survey.

Powers of surveyors.

3. (1) An inland steam-vessel shall not proceed on any voyage, or be used for any service unless she has a certificate of survey in force and applicable to such voyage or service.

(2) Nothing in this section shall apply to any steam-vessel proceeding on a voyage during the interval between the time at which her certificate of survey expires and the time at which it is first practicable to have the certificate renewed.

4. (1) The <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification<sup>3</sup> in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette],—

(a) declare such places, within the territories under its administration, as it thinks fit, to be places of survey, and

(b) appoint so many persons to be surveyors at the said places as it thinks fit, for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Every surveyor shall, for the purposes of any survey made by him, be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code.

XLV of 1860.

5. (1) For the purposes of a survey, the surveyor may, at any reasonable time, go on board any inland steam-vessel, and may inspect the steam-vessel and every part thereof, including the hull, boilers, engines and other machinery, and all equipments and articles on board:

Provided that he shall not unnecessarily hinder the loading or unloading of the steam-vessel, or unnecessarily detain or delay her from proceeding on any voyage.

(2) The owner, master and officers of the steam-vessel shall afford to the surveyor all reasonable facilities for a survey, and all such information respecting the steam-vessel, and her machinery or any part

<sup>1</sup> For power to exempt any class of vessels from the provisions of Chapter II or to modify that Chapter, see s. 68, *infra*.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> For such notifications in Bombay, Bengal and Assam, see the local R. & O.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

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thereof, and all equipments and articles on board, as he may require for the purposes of a survey.

**6.** Before a survey is commenced, the owner or master of the steam-vessel to be surveyed shall pay to such officer as the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification<sup>2</sup> in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint in this behalf—

Fees in  
respect of  
surveys.

- (a) a fee calculated on the tonnage of the steam-vessel according to the rates mentioned in Schedule I, or according to any other prescribed rates; and
- (b) when the survey is to be made in any place of survey other than Calcutta, Madras <sup>4</sup>[or Bombay], such additional fee in respect of the expense (if any) of the journey of the surveyor to the place as the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may by such notification direct.

**7.** When the survey of a steam-vessel is completed, if the surveyor Declaration of surveyor. making it is satisfied that—

- (a) the hull, boilers, engines and other machinery of the steam-vessel are sufficient for the voyage or service intended and in good condition, and
- (b) the equipments of the steam-vessel and the certificates of the master and engineer are such and in such condition as are required by any law for the time being in force and applicable to the steam-vessel,

the surveyor shall forthwith give to the owner or master a declaration in the prescribed form containing the particulars mentioned in clauses (a) and (b), and the following further particulars, namely:—

- (i) the time (if less than one year) for which the hull, boilers, engines and other machinery and equipments of the steam-vessel will be sufficient;
- (ii) the limit (if any) beyond which, as regards the hull, boilers, engines and other machinery or equipments, the steam-vessel is in the surveyor's judgment not fit to ply;
- (iii) the number of passengers (if any) which the steam-vessel is, in the judgment of the surveyor, fit to carry, specifying, if necessary, the respective numbers to be carried on the deck and in the cabins, and in different parts of the deck and cabins: the number to be subject to such conditions and variations, according to the time of year, the nature of the

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> For officers appointed to receive fees in Bombay, see Digest of Acts and Rules, etc., relating to Bombay Survey Deptt., and in Bengal, see Bengal Marine Manual.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Bombay or Rangoon".

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voyage, the cargo carried or other circumstances, as the case requires; and

(iv) any other prescribed particulars.

Sending of declaration by owner or master to Provincial Government.

**8.** (1) The owner or master of a steam-vessel to whom a declaration is given under section 7 shall, within fourteen days after the date of the receipt thereof, send the declaration to such officer as the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint in this behalf.<sup>3</sup>

(2) If any owner or master fails to send a declaration as required by sub-section (1), he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five rupees for every day during which the sending of the declaration is delayed.

Power for Provincial Government to grant or authorise the grant of certificates of survey.

**9.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] shall, if satisfied that all the provisions of this Act have been complied with in respect of a declaration sent under section 8, cause,—

(a) a certificate of survey, in duplicate, to be prepared, and

(b) notice thereof to be given by post or otherwise to the owner or master of the steam-vessel to which the certificate relates.

(2) On application made by the owner or master to such officer at the place of survey as the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification<sup>4</sup> in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint in this behalf, and on payment to such officer by the owner or master of the sum (if any) forfeited by him under section 8, sub-section (2), (the actual amount of which within the limit thereby fixed shall be determined by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government]), the certificate, in duplicate, so prepared shall be granted to the owner or master by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] and issued to him through such officer.

(3) A certificate granted under this section shall be in the prescribed form, shall contain a statement to the effect that all the provisions of this Act with respect to the survey of the steam-vessel and the declaration of survey have been complied with, and shall set forth—

(a) the particulars concerning the steam-vessel mentioned in the declaration of survey as required by clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of section 7, and

(b) any other prescribed particulars.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>3</sup> For notifications making such appointments in Bengal, see Bengal Marine Manual.

<sup>4</sup> For notifications appointing officers in—

(a) Bombay, see Digest of Acts and Rules, etc., relating to Bombay Survey Deptt.

(b) Bengal, see Bengal Marine Manual.

(c) Assam, see Assam R. and O.

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(4) The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification<sup>2</sup> in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], delegate to any person all or any of the functions assigned to the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] under this section:

Provided that no delegation shall be made under sub-section (2) so as to authorise the grant of a certificate of survey by the surveyor who made the declaration of survey under section 7.

**10.** The owner or master of every steam-vessel for which a certificate of survey has been granted, shall forthwith, on the receipt of the certificate, cause one of the duplicates thereof to be affixed and kept affixed so long as it remains in force and the steam-vessel is in use, on some conspicuous part of the steam-vessel where it may be easily read by all persons on board.

Certificate of survey to be affixed in conspicuous part of steam-vessel.

<sup>4</sup>[**10A.** A certificate of survey shall have effect throughout the Province in which it was granted:]

Effect of certificates of survey.

Provided that such a certificate may be endorsed by the Provincial Government of any other Province, or with the general or special sanction of the Provincial Government of that other Province, by the authority granting it, so as to have effect in that other Province or any part thereof, and, if so endorsed shall have effect accordingly.]

**11.** A certificate of survey shall not be in force <sup>4</sup>[in any Province]— Term of certificates of survey.

(a) after the expiration of one year from the date thereof; or

(b) after the expiration of the period (if less than one year) for which the hull, boilers, engines or other machinery, or any of the equipments of the steam-vessel to which the certificate relates have been stated in the certificate to be sufficient; or

(c) after notice has been given <sup>5</sup>[by the Provincial Government of the Province in which it was granted] to the owner or master of such steam-vessel, that such <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] has cancelled or suspended it.

<sup>4</sup>[A certificate of survey shall not be in force in any Province by virtue of any endorsement in respect of that Province, after notice has been given by the Provincial Government of that Province, to the owner or master of a steam vessel, that that Government has cancelled or suspended the endorsement.]

**12.** After a certificate of survey has ceased to be in force the same shall only be renewed after a fresh survey of the steam-vessel to which

Renewal of certificates of survey.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> For list of officers to whom powers have been delegated in—

(a) Bombay, see Digest of Acts and Rules, etc., relating to Bombay Survey Deptt.

(b) Bengal, see Bengal Marine Manual.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "by any L. G."

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the certificate relates, has been held in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter save so far as any relaxation thereof may be prescribed.

Power for Provincial Government to suspend or cancel certificate of survey.

**13.** <sup>1</sup>[A certificate of survey or any endorsement thereon made under section 10A may be suspended or cancelled by the Government of the Province in which the certificate was granted or in respect of which the endorsement was made, as the case may be, if that Government has reason to believe—]

- (a) that the declaration by the surveyor of the sufficiency and good condition of the hull, boilers, engines or other machinery or of any of the equipments of the steam-vessel has been fraudulently or erroneously made; or
- (b) that the certificate has otherwise been granted upon false or erroneous information; or
- (c) that since the making of the declaration the hull, boilers, engines or other machinery, or any of the equipments of the steam-vessel have sustained any material injury, or have otherwise become insufficient.

Power for Provincial Government to require delivery of expired or cancelled certificate.

**14.** The <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may require any certificate of survey, which has expired or has been suspended or cancelled, to be delivered up to such officer as the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification<sup>3</sup> in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint in this behalf.

<sup>5</sup>[Where an endorsement on any certificate of survey for any Province has been suspended or cancelled, the Provincial Government of that Province may require the certificate of survey to be delivered up to such officer as that Government may by notification in the Official Gazette appoint in this behalf, in order that particulars of the suspension or cancellation of the endorsement may be noted on the certificate.]

**15.** <sup>6</sup>[If a Provincial Government suspends or cancels an endorsement made under section 10A on a certificate of survey, it] shall report the fact of suspension or cancellation, together with the reasons therefor, to the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] which (or whose delegate) granted the certificate.

Report of suspension or cancellation of certain certificates.

Power for Provincial Government

**16.** A survey shall ordinarily be made by one surveyor, but two surveyors may be employed if the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government], by order

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "A certificate of survey may be suspended or cancelled by any L. G. if it has reason to believe".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> For notification appointing such officers in—

(a) Bombay, see Digest of Acts and Rules, etc., relating to Bombay Survey Deptt.

(b) Bengal, see Bengal Marine Manual.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "If the L. G. which suspends or cancels a certificate of survey, is not the L. G. which (or whose delegate) granted the certificate, the L. G. suspending or cancelling the certificate".

<sup>7</sup> For such orders issued for Bombay, see Digest of Acts and Rules, etc., relating to Bombay Survey Deptt.

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in writing, so directs either generally in the case of all steam-vessels at to direct any place of survey, or specially in the case of any particular steam-vessel or class of steam-vessels at any such place.

survey by  
two  
surveyors.

**17. (1)** If the surveyor making a survey of a steam-vessel refuses to give a declaration under section 7 with regard to the steam-vessel, or gives a declaration with which the owner or master of the steam-vessel is dissatisfied, the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may on the application of the owner or master, and the payment by him of such fee, not exceeding twice the amount of the fee payable for the previous survey, as the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may require, direct two other surveyors to survey the steam-vessel.

Power for  
Provincial  
Government  
to order  
a second  
survey.

(2) The surveyors so directed shall forthwith survey the steam-vessel, and may, after the survey, either refuse to give a declaration or give such declaration as, under the circumstances, seems to them proper.

(3) Any declaration given, or any refusal to give a declaration under sub-section (2), shall be final.

**18.** When a survey is made by two surveyors under either section 16 or section 17, each of the surveyors shall perform the prescribed portion of the duties assigned to a surveyor under this Act or the rules made thereunder.

Division of  
duties when  
two  
surveyors  
employed.

**19. (1)** The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* \* make<sup>3</sup> Power for Provincial Government to regulate the making of surveys.

rules to make  
rules as to  
surveys.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may prescribe—

- (a) the times and places at which, and the manner in which, surveys are to be made;
- (b) the duties of the surveyor making a survey and, where two surveyors are employed, the respective duties of each such surveyor;
- (c) the form in which declarations of survey and certificates of survey are to be framed, and the nature of the particulars to be stated therein under sections 7 and 9;
- (d) the rates other than those mentioned in Schedule I according to which the fees payable in respect of surveys are to be calculated in the case of all or any of the places of survey within the territories under its administration; and
- (e) the cases in, and the extent to, which a survey may be dispensed with before the grant of a new certificate.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> The words "with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C." were rep. by the Devolution Act, 1920 (38 of 1920), s 2 and Sch. I.

<sup>3</sup> For rules regulating surveys in—

(a) Bengal, see Bengal Marine Manual.

(b) Bombay, see Digest of Rules, etc., relating to Bombay Survey Deptt.

(c) Assam, see Assam R. and O.

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### CHAPTER III.

#### MASTERS (INCLUDING SERANGS) AND ENGINEERS (INCLUDING ENGINE-DRIVERS) OF INLAND STEAM-VESSELS.

Appointment of examiners.

**20.** The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may appoint<sup>2</sup> examiners for the purpose of examining the qualifications of persons desirous of obtaining certificates (hereinafter called certificates of competency), to the effect that they are competent to act as masters or serangs, or as engineers or engine-drivers, as the case may be, on board inland steam-vessels.

Grant of masters', serangs', engineers' and engine-drivers' certificates of competency.

**21. (1)** The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] or such officer as it may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint in this behalf, shall grant to every person who is reported by the examiners to possess the prescribed qualifications, a certificate of competency to the effect that he is competent to act as a first-class master, second-class master or serang, or as an engineer, first-class engine-driver or second-class engine-driver, as the case may be, on board an inland steam-vessel:

Provided nevertheless that, before granting a certificate of competency under this Act, the authority empowered to grant such certificate may, if it considers the report of the examiners regarding any applicant for such certificate to be defective, or has reason to believe that such report has been unduly made, require a further examination or a re-examination of the applicant.

**(2)** Every certificate granted under this section shall be in the prescribed form.

Grant of masters', serangs', engineers' and engine-drivers' certificates of service.

**22. (1)** The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, <sup>4</sup>[if it thinks fit], grant without examination to any person who has served as a master or as an engineer, of an inland steam-vessel before the first day of April, 1890, a certificate (hereinafter called a certificate of service) to the effect that he is, by reason of his having so served, competent to act as a first-class master, second-class master or serang, or as an engineer, first-class engine-driver or second-class engine-driver, as the case may be, on board an inland steam-vessel.

**(2)** A certificate of service so granted shall have the same effect as a certificate of competency granted under this Act after examination.

Licences.

**5[22A. (1)]** The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may also, <sup>4</sup>[if it thinks fit], grant—

**(a)** to a person who is in possession of a second-class master's certificate granted under section 21 or section 22, and has,

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> For persons appointed examiners in Bengal and Bombay, see the Bengal Marine Manual and Digest of Rules, etc., relating to Bombay Survey Deptt.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "in its discretion".

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the Inland Steam-vessels (Amendment) Act, 1920 (6 of 1920), s. 2.

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by virtue of such certificate, acted as master of an inland steam-vessel having engines of forty or more nominal horse-power for a period of not less than five years, or

- (b) to a person who is in possession of a first-class engine-driver's certificate granted under section 21 or section 22, or an engine-driver's certificate granted under the Indian Steamships Act, 1884, and has, by virtue of such certificate, served as an engine-driver of an inland steam-vessel having engines of not less than seventy nominal horse-power for five years, for not less than two and a half years of which period he has been the engine-driver of such vessel within the meaning of section 26,

a licence authorising such person to act as master or engineer, as the case may be, of any inland steam-vessel having engines of one hundred and seventy nominal horse-power or of such less nominal horse-power [as such Government] may deem fit.

(2) Any such licence shall remain in force only for such time as the person holding the same is in possession of and entitled to a master's or an engine-driver's certificate, as the case may be, of the nature referred to in sub-section (1):

Provided that the [Provincial Government] may, [if it thinks fit], suspend, cancel or vary the conditions of any such licence.]

**23.** Every certificate of competency or service [and every licence] Certificates granted under this Act shall be made in duplicate, and one copy shall to be made in duplicate be delivered to the person entitled to the certificate, [or licence] and the other shall be kept and recorded in the prescribed manner.

**24.** Whenever a master or serang, or an engineer or engine-driver, proves, to the satisfaction of the authority which granted his certificate [or licence] that he has, without fault on his part, lost or been deprived of it, a copy of the certificate [or licence] to which, according to the record kept under section 23, he appears to be entitled shall be granted to him, and shall have the same effect as the original.

**25.** An inland steam-vessel having engines of [one hundred] or more nominal horse-power shall not proceed on any voyage unless she has—

- (a) as her master a person possessing a first-class master's certificate granted under this Act, or a master's certificate granted

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1923 (11 of 1923), s. 2 and Sch. I, for "as to such Govt."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "in its discretion".

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the Inland Steam-vessels (Amendment) Act, 1920 (6 of 1920), s. 3.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by s. 4, *ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by s. 5, *ibid.*, for "eighty".

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under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1859, or granted <sup>I of 1859.</sup>  
under, or continued in force by, the <sup>1</sup>Merchant Shipping  
Act, 1894, <sup>2</sup>[or a master's licence granted under section 22A <sup>57 & 58</sup>  
Vict., c. 60.  
and applicable to such vessel and voyage], and

- (b) as her engineer a person possessing an engineer's certificate  
granted under this Act, or the Indian Steamships Act, 1884, VII of 1884.  
or granted under or continued in force by the <sup>1</sup>Merchant  
Shipping Act, 1894, <sup>2</sup>[or an engine-driver's licence granted <sup>57 & 58</sup>  
Vict., c. 60.  
under section 22A and applicable to such vessel and  
voyage.]

Certificates  
to be held  
by master  
and engineer  
of vessel of  
between  
forty and  
one  
hundred  
horse-power.

**26.** An inland steam-vessel having engines of <sup>3</sup>[forty] or more  
nominal horse-power, but of less than <sup>4</sup>[one hundred] nominal horse-  
power, shall not proceed on any voyage unless she has—

- (a) as her master a person possessing a second-class master's certi-  
ficate granted under this Act, or any certificate referred to  
in clause (a) of section 25, and
- (b) as her engineer a person possessing a first-class engine-driver's  
certificate granted under this Act, or an engine-driver's  
certificate granted under the Indian Steamships Act, 1884, VII of 1884.  
or any certificate referred to in clause (b) of section 25:

Provided that a steam-vessel shall be deemed to have complied with  
this section if she has as her master and engineer a person possessing  
both a certificate referred to in clause (a), and a certificate referred to in  
clause (b) of this section.

Certificates  
to be held  
by master  
and engineer  
of vessel of  
less than  
forty horse-  
power.

**27.** An inland steam-vessel having engines of less than <sup>5</sup>[forty]  
nominal horse-power shall not proceed on any voyage unless she has—

- (a) as her master a person possessing a serang's certificate granted  
under this Act, or any certificate referred to in clause (a) of  
section 26, and
- (b) as her engineer a person possessing a second-class engine-  
driver's certificate granted under this Act, or any certificate  
referred to in clause (b) of section 26:

Provided that a steam-vessel shall be deemed to have complied with  
this section if she has as her master and engineer a person possessing  
both a certificate referred to in clause (a), and a certificate referred to in  
clause (b) of this section.

<sup>1</sup> Coll. Stats., Vol. II.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Inland Steam-vessels (Amendment) Act, 1920 (6 of 1920), s. 5.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for "thirty".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for "eighty".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 7, *ibid.*, for "thirty".

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**28.** Notwithstanding anything in this Chapter, the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by general or special order, direct that a person possessing—

I of 1859.

57 & 58  
Vict., c. 60.

VII of 1884.

57 & 58  
Vict., c. 60.

- (a) a master's certificate granted under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1859, or granted under, or continued in force by, the <sup>2</sup>Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, or
- (b) an engineer's or engine-driver's certificate granted under the Indian Steamships Act, 1884, or an engineer's certificate granted under, or continued in force by, the <sup>2</sup>Merchant Shipping Act, 1894,

shall not act as master or engineer, as the case may be, of an inland steam-vessel unless he also possesses—

- (i) in case (a), such a master's or serang's certificate granted under this Act as qualifies him under this Chapter to act as master of the steam-vessel, or
- (ii) in case (b), such an engineer's or engine-driver's certificate granted under this Act as qualifies him under this Chapter to act as engineer of the steam-vessel:

Provided that, for the purposes of this section, the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, <sup>3</sup>[if it thinks fit], grant<sup>4</sup> to any person, without examination, a master's or serang's or an engineer's or engine-driver's certificate of competency under this Act, and such certificate shall have the same effect as a certificate of competency granted under this Act after examination.

**29.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may <sup>5\*</sup> \* \* make rules<sup>6</sup> Power for Provincial Government to regulate the granting of certificates of competency under this Chapter.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may prescribe—

- (a) the times and places of holding and the mode of conducting examination of persons desirous of obtaining certificates of competency;
- (b) the qualifications to be required of persons desirous of obtaining such certificates;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Coll. Stats. Ind., Vol. II.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "in its discretion".

<sup>4</sup> For grant of certificate without examination in Bombay, see Digest of Acts, Rules, etc., relating to Bombay Survey Dep'tt.

<sup>5</sup> The words "with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C." rep. by the A. O.

<sup>6</sup> For rules regulating the grant of certificates in Bengal, see Bengal Marine Manual.

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- (c) the examination fees to be paid by such persons; and
- (d) the forms in which such certificates are to be framed, and the authority by whom, and the manner in which, copies are to be kept and recorded under section 23.

Power for Provincial Government to make rules as to grant of certificates of service.

**30.** The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may also make rules<sup>2</sup> to regulate the granting of certificates of service under section 22, and may by such rules prescribe in particular—

- (a) the fees to be paid for such certificates, and
- (b) the forms in which such certificates are to be framed, and the authority by whom, and the manner in which, copies are to be kept and recorded under section 23.

Power for Provincial Government to make rules as to grant of licences.

**30A.** The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may also make rules to regulate the granting of licences under section 22A, and may by such rules prescribe in particular—

- (a) the fees (if any) to be paid for such licences, and
- (b) the forms in which such licences are to be framed and the authority by whom and the manner in which copies are to be kept and recorded under section 23.]

Area in which certificates of competency or service and licences shall have effect.

**31.** <sup>4</sup>[A certificate of competency or service or a licence granted under this Chapter] shall have effect throughout the Province in which it was granted:

Provided that the authority granting such certificate <sup>5</sup>[or licence] may, by endorsement thereon, restrict the effect of such certificate <sup>5</sup>[or licence] to any part of such Province:

Provided further that such certificate <sup>5</sup>[or licence] may be endorsed by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] of any other Province, or with the general or special sanction of the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] of such other Province, by the authority granting it so as to have effect in such other Province or any part thereof, and thereupon shall have effect accordingly.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> For rules regulating the grant of certificates in Bengal, see Bengal Marine Manual.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Inland Steam-vessels (Amendment) Act, 1920 (6 of 1920), s. 8.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Certificates of competency or service and licences granted under this Chapter shall have effect as follows, namely—

(i) A certificate of competency or service as engineer or engine-driver shall have effect throughout British India.

(ii) A certificate of competency or service as master or serang and a licence".

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by Act 6 of 1920, s. 9.

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## CHAPTER IV.

### INVESTIGATIONS INTO CASUALTIES.

#### 32. Whenever—

- (a) any inland steam-vessel has been wrecked, abandoned or materially damaged; or
- (b) by reason of any casualty happening to, or on board of, any inland steam-vessel, loss of life has ensued; or
- (c) any inland steam-vessel has caused loss or material damage to any other vessel,

Report of  
casualties to  
be made to  
nearest  
police-  
station.

the master of the steam-vessel shall forthwith give notice of the wreck, abandonment, damage, casualty, or loss to the officer in charge of the nearest police-station.

**33.** (1) If a formal investigation into the facts of any case reported under section 32 appears to the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] to be expedient, the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may—

- (a) appoint a special Court and direct the Court to make the investigation at such place as the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may fix in this behalf; or
- (b) direct any principal Court of ordinary criminal jurisdiction or the Court of any District Magistrate to make the investigation.

Power for  
Provincial  
Government  
to appoint  
Court of  
investiga-  
tion.

(2) A special Court appointed under clause (a) of sub-section (1) shall consist of not less than two nor more than four persons, of whom one shall be a Magistrate, one shall be a person conversant with maritime affairs or with the navigation of inland steam-vessels, and the other or others (if any) shall be conversant with either maritime or mercantile affairs, or with the navigation of inland steam-vessels.

**34.** (1) Any Court making an investigation under section 33 may inquire into any charge of incompetency or misconduct arising in the course of the investigation against any master, engineer or engine-driver, or any person holding a certificate granted under Chapter III, as well as into any charge of a wrongful act or default on his part causing any wreck, abandonment, damage, casualty, or loss referred to in section 32.

Power of  
Court of  
investiga-  
tion to  
inquire into  
charges of  
incompe-  
tency or  
misconduct.

(2) In every case in which any such charge arises against any master, engineer or engine-driver, or any person holding a certificate granted under Chapter III in the course of an investigation, the Court shall, before the commencement of the inquiry into the charge, cause to be furnished to him a copy of the report or of any statement of the case upon which the investigation has been directed.

**35.** (1) If the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] has reason to believe that there are grounds for charging any master, engineer or engine-driver,

Power for  
Provincial  
Government

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

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to direct investigation otherwise than under section 33.

or any person holding a certificate granted under Chapter III, with incompetency or misconduct, otherwise than in the course of an investigation under section 33, it may send a statement of the case to the principal Court of ordinary criminal jurisdiction, or the Court of the District Magistrate, at or nearest to the place at which it may be convenient for the parties and witnesses to attend, and may direct the Court to make an investigation into the charge.

(2) Before commencing an investigation under sub-section (1), the Court shall cause the person charged to be furnished with a copy of the statement of the case sent by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government].

Person charged to be heard.

**36.** For the purpose of an investigation under this Chapter into any charge against a master, engineer or engine-driver, or any person holding a certificate granted under Chapter III, the Court may summon him to appear, and shall give him full opportunity of making a defence, either in person or otherwise.

Assessors.

**37.** (1) When, in the opinion of the Court making an investigation under this Chapter, the investigation involves, or appears likely to involve, any question as to the cancelling or suspension of the certificate of a master, engineer or engine-driver, or any person holding a certificate granted under Chapter III, the Court shall appoint as its assessors, for the purposes of the investigation, two persons having experience in the merchant service or in the navigation of inland steam-vessels.

(2) In every other investigation the Court may, if it thinks fit, appoint as its assessor, for the purposes of the investigation, any person conversant with maritime affairs or the navigation of inland steam-vessels and willing to act as assessor.

(3) Every person appointed as an assessor under this section shall attend during the investigation and deliver his opinion in writing, to be recorded on the proceedings.

Powers of Court as to evidence and regulation of proceedings.

**38.** For the purpose of any investigation under this Chapter, the Court making the investigation shall, so far as relates to compelling the attendance and examination of witnesses, and the production of documents and the regulation of the proceedings, have—

- (a) if the Court is a special Court—the same powers as are exercisable by the principal Court of ordinary criminal jurisdiction for the place at which the investigation is made; or
- (b) if the Court is a principal Court of ordinary criminal jurisdiction or the Court of the District Magistrate—the same powers as are exercisable respectively by either Court in the exercise of its criminal jurisdiction.

Power of Court to effect arrest.

**39.** (1) If any Court making an investigation under this Chapter issues a warrant of arrest to compel the attendance of any person whose

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

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evidence is in its opinion necessary, it may, for the purpose of effecting of witnesses  
the arrest, but subject to any general or special instructions issued by by entry and  
detention the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] in this behalf, authorise any officer to of vessels.  
enter any vessel.

(2) An officer so authorised to enter any vessel may, for the purpose of enforcing the entry, call to his aid any officers of Police or Customs, or any other persons, and may seize and detain the vessel for such time as is reasonably necessary to effect the arrest; and every such officer or other person shall be deemed to be a public servant within

XLV of 1860. the meaning of the Indian Penal Code.

(3) No person shall be detained under this section for more than forty-eight hours.

**40.** Whenever, in the course of an investigation under this Chapter, it appears to the Court making the investigation that any person has committed, within British India, an offence punishable under any law in force in British India, the Court making the investigation may (subject to such rules consistent with this Act as the High Court may, from time to time, make in this behalf)—

- (a) cause such person to be arrested;
- (b) commit him or hold him to bail to take his trial before the proper Court;
- (c) bind over any other person to give evidence at such trial; and
- (d) exercise, for the purposes of this section, all the powers of a Magistrate of the first class or of a Presidency Magistrate.

**41.** (1) Whenever, in the course of a trial referred to in section 40, the evidence of any witness is required in relation to the subject-matter, any deposition previously made by him in relation to the same subject-matter before any Court making an investigation under this Chapter shall, if authenticated by the signature of the Magistrate or presiding Judge of such Court, be admissible in evidence on proof—

- (a) that the witness cannot be found within the jurisdiction of the Court before which the trial is held; and
- (b) that the deposition was made in the presence of the person accused, and that he had an opportunity of cross-examining the witness.

(2) A certificate signed by such Magistrate or presiding Judge that the deposition was made in the presence of the accused, and that he had an opportunity of cross-examining the witness shall, unless the contrary be proved, be sufficient evidence that it was so made and that the accused had such opportunity.

**42.** The Court shall, in the case of every investigation under this Chapter, transmit to the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] a full report of the

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

Court to  
Provincial  
Government.

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conclusions at which it has arrived, together with the evidence recorded and the written opinion of any assessor.

Court to exercise its powers independently of the assessors.

Power for Provincial Government to direct investigations into causes of explosions on steam-vessels.

**43.** Notwithstanding the appointment under section 37 of an assessor or assessors by a Court making an investigation under this Chapter, the exercise of all powers conferred on such Court by this Act shall rest with the Court alone.

**44.** (1) Whenever any explosion occurs on board any inland steam-vessel, the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may direct that an investigation into the cause of the explosion be made by such person or persons as it may appoint in this behalf.

(2) The person or persons so appointed may, for the purpose of the investigation, enter into and upon the steam-vessel, with all necessary workmen and labourers, and remove any portion of the steam-vessel or of the machinery thereof, and shall report to the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] what, in his or their opinion, was the cause of the explosion.

(3) Every person making an investigation under this section shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code.

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## CHAPTER V.

### SUSPENSION AND CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES GRANTED UNDER THE ACT.

Power for Provincial Government to suspend or cancel certificates in certain cases.

**45.** <sup>2</sup>[Any certificate granted or any endorsement made under Chapter III may be suspended or cancelled by the Government of the Province in which the certificate was granted or, as the case may be, in respect of which the endorsement was made, in the following cases, namely]—

- (a) if, on any investigation made under this Act, the Court reports that the wreck or abandonment of, or loss or damage to, any vessel, or loss of life, has been caused by the wrongful act or default of the holder of such certificate, or that the holder of such certificate is incompetent, or has been guilty of any gross act of drunkenness, tyranny or other misconduct; or
- (b) if the holder of such certificate is proved to have been convicted of any non-bailable offence; or
- (c) if, in the case of a person holding a certificate of competency or service as second-class master or serang, or as engine-driver, such person is or has become, in the opinion of the

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Any certificate granted under Chapter III, may be suspended or cancelled by the L. G. by which, or under authority from which, it was granted, or by any other L. G. in the following cases, namely".

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<sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government], unfit to act as a second-class master or serang, or as an engine-driver, as the case may be:

Provided that a certificate <sup>2</sup>[or endorsement] shall not be suspended or cancelled under clause (a), unless the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] is satisfied that the holder of the certificate has, before the commencement of the investigation, been furnished with a copy of the report or statement of the case as required by section 34 or section 35, as the case may be.

**46.** Every person whose certificate is suspended or cancelled under this Chapter shall deliver it up to such person as the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] which suspended or cancelled it may direct.<sup>3</sup>

to deliver up suspended or cancelled certificate.

**47.** <sup>4</sup>[If a Provincial Government suspends or cancels an endorsement under this Chapter, it] shall report the proceedings and the fact of suspension or cancellation to the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] by which, or under authority from which <sup>5</sup>[the certificate] was granted.

Report to other Provincial Government.

**48. (1)** Any <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, at any time, revoke any order of suspension or cancellation which it may have made under this Chapter, or grant, without examination, to any person whose certificate it has so cancelled, a new certificate.

Power for Provincial Government to revoke suspension or cancellation and to grant new certificate.

**(2)** A certificate so granted shall have the same effect as a certificate of competency granted under this Act after examination.

## CHAPTER VI.

### PROTECTION OF, AND CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS IN, INLAND STEAM-VESSELS.

**49.** The <sup>6</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>7</sup>[Official Gazette], declare what shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be dangerous goods.

Power for Provincial Government to declare dangerous goods.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> For such direction in—

Bombay, see Digest of Acts, Rules, etc., relating to Bombay Survey Deptt.  
Bengal, see Bengal Marine Manual

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "If the L. G. which suspends or cancels a certificate under this Chapter is not the L. G. by which, or under authority from which, such certificate was granted, the L. G. so suspending or cancelling the certificate".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "such certificate".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C".

<sup>7</sup> For notification declaring certain articles to be dangerous goods, see Gen. R. and O., Vol. IV, p. 516.

<sup>\*</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

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Carriage of  
dangerous  
goods.

**50.** (1) No person shall—

- (a) take with him on board an inland steam-vessel any dangerous goods without giving notice of their nature to the owner or master of the steam-vessel; or
- (b) deliver or tender for carriage on such steam-vessel any dangerous goods without giving such notice, and without distinctly marking their nature on the outside of the package containing the goods.

(2) If the owner or master of an inland steam-vessel suspects, or has reason to believe, that any luggage or parcel taken, delivered, or tendered for carriage on the steam-vessel contains dangerous goods, he may—

- (i) refuse to carry it upon the steam-vessel; or
- (ii) require it to be opened to ascertain the nature of its contents; or
- (iii) if it has been received for carriage, stop its transit until he is satisfied as to the nature of its contents.

Power of  
owner or  
master of  
steam-vessel  
to throw  
overboard  
dangerous  
goods.

**51.** Where any dangerous goods have been taken or delivered on board any inland steam-vessel in contravention of section 50, the owner or master of the steam-vessel may, if he thinks fit, cause the goods to be thrown overboard, together with any package or receptacle in which they are contained, and neither the owner nor the master shall, in respect of his having so caused the goods to be thrown overboard, be subject to any liability, civil or criminal, in any Court.

Power for  
Provincial  
Government  
to make  
rules for  
protection  
of inland  
steam-  
vessels from  
accidents.

**52.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may make rules<sup>2</sup> for the protection of inland steam-vessels against explosion, fire, collision and other accidents.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may—

- (a) prescribe the conditions on, and subject to, which dangerous goods may be carried on board inland steam-vessel;
- (b) prescribe precautions to be taken to prevent explosions or fires on board inland steam-vessels;
- (c) prescribe the apparatus which is to be kept on board inland steam-vessels, for the purpose of extinguishing fires;
- (d) regulate the making of sound signals;
- (e) regulate the carriage and exhibition of lights by inland steam-vessels;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> For such rules in—

Bengal, see Bengal Marine Manual.

Bombay, see Digest of Acts, Rules, etc., relating to Bombay Survey Deptt.

Assam, see Assam R. and O.

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- (f) regulate the carriage and exhibition of lights by other vessels on specified inland waters on which steam-vessels ply;
- (g) prescribe the steering rules to be observed;
- (h) regulate the towing of vessels astern or alongside;
- (i) prescribe the speed at which inland steam-vessels may be navigated in specified areas; and
- (j) regulate the navigation of inland steam-vessels to prevent danger to other vessels, or to the banks, channels, navigation marks or any property, moveable or immoveable, in or abutting on navigable channels.

(3) Any rule made under this section may contain a provision that any person committing a breach of it shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.

**53.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may make rules<sup>2</sup> to regulate the carriage of passengers in inland steam-vessels.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may—

- (a) prescribe the cases in which passengers may be refused admission to, or may be required to leave, inland steam-vessels;
- (b) provide for the payment of fares, and the exhibition of tickets or receipts (if any) showing the payment of their fares, by passengers in inland steam-vessels; and
- (c) regulate generally the conduct of passengers in inland steam-vessels.

(3) Any rule made under this section may contain a provision that any person committing a breach of it shall be punishable with fine which may extend to twenty rupees.

(4) The master or any other officer of an inland steam-vessel, and any person called by him to his assistance, may arrest any person who has committed a breach of any rule made under this section if the name and address of such person are unknown to the master or such other officer.

(5) The procedure prescribed by section 59 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, in the case of arrest by private persons shall apply to every arrest made under this section.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> For Rules for carriage and protection of passengers in Inland Steam-vessels in— Bengal, see Bengal Marine Manual.

Bombay, see Digest of Acts, Rules, etc., relating to Bombay Survey Deptt. Assam, see Assam R. and O.

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Power for Provincial Government to make rules for protection passengers.

**54.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may also make rules<sup>2</sup> for the protection of passengers in inland steam-vessels, and may by such rules require—

- (a) the prices of passenger tickets to be printed or otherwise denoted on such tickets; and
- (b) the supply, free of charge, of a sufficient quantity of fresh water for the use of such passengers.

(2) Any rule made under this section may contain a provision that any person committing a breach of it shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

<sup>3</sup>[**54A.**] (1) The <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>5</sup>[Official Gazette], after such inquiry as <sup>6</sup>[it] may consider necessary, in respect of any system of inland waterways, or of any stretch of inland waterway, or of the run between any two stations on an inland waterway,—

- (a) fix the maximum or minimum rate per mile which may be charged for passenger fares for passengers of any class travelling on inland steam-vessels;
- (b) fix the maximum rate per mile which may be charged for freight on goods of any description carried in inland steam-vessels;
- (c) fix the minimum rate per mile which may be charged for freight on goods of any description carried in inland steam-vessels; and
- (d) declare what shall be deemed to be the distance between any two stations on an inland waterway for the purpose of calculating passengers' fares or freight on goods where maximum or minimum rates have been fixed under this section.

(2) The <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government] shall not fix any minimum rate under clause (a) or clause (c) of sub-section (1) in respect of any class of passengers or description of goods carried on any system of waterways, or stretch of waterway, or on the run between any two stations on an inland waterway, unless <sup>6</sup>[it] is satisfied that the rates charged on any inland steam-vessel or group of such vessels in respect of such passengers or goods have been reduced to such an extent as to disclose an intention to force any other inland steam-vessel or group of such vessels to cease from carrying such passengers or goods.]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> See footnote 2 to s. 53, *supra*.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Inland Steam-vessels (Amendment) Act, 1930 (13 of 1930), s. 2.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in O."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

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<sup>1</sup>[54B. The <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may make rules providing for the appointment, constitution, procedure and functions of Committees to advise the owners, agents and charterers of inland steam-vessels on questions affecting the interests of passengers and shippers of goods.]

Power to make rules providing for the appointment of Advisory Committees.

## CHAPTER VII.

### PENALTIES AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

55. (1) If any inland steam-vessel proceeds on a voyage in contravention of section 3, the owner and the master of the steam-vessel shall each be punishable with fine, which may extend to one thousand rupees.

Penalty for making voyage without certificate of survey.

(2) If the master or any other officer on board an inland steam-vessel which proceeds on voyage in contravention of section 3 is a licensed pilot he shall be liable to have his licence as a pilot suspended or cancelled, for any period, by the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government.]

56. If the certificate of survey is not kept affixed in an inland steam-vessel as required by section 10, the owner and the master of the steam-vessel shall each be punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

Penalty for neglect to affix certificate of survey in inland steam-vessel.

57. If the owner or master of an inland steam-vessel, without reasonable cause, neglects or refuses to deliver up a certificate of survey when required under section 14 so to do, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

Penalty for neglect or refusal to deliver up certificate of survey.

58. If an inland steam-vessel has on board or in any part thereof a number of passengers which is greater than the number set forth in the certificate of survey as the number of passengers which the vessel or the part thereof is, in the judgment of the surveyor, fit to carry, the owner and the master shall each be punishable with fine which may extend to ten rupees for every passenger over and above that number.

Penalty for carrying excessive number of passengers on board.

59. If any person—

(a) proceeds on any voyage in an inland steam-vessel as the master or engineer of such vessel without being at the time entitled to, and possessed of, a master's or serang's or an engineer's or engine-driver's certificate <sup>3</sup>[or a master's or engine-driver's licence] as the case may be, as required under this Act; or

Penalty for serving or engaging a person to serve as master or engineer without certificate.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Inland Steam-vessels (Amendment) Act, 1930 (13 of 1930), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Inland Steam-vessels (Amendment) Act, 1920 (6 of 1920), s. 10.

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(b) employs as the master or engineer of an inland steam-vessel any person without ascertaining that he is at the time entitled to, and possessed of, such certificate <sup>1</sup>[or licence], -

he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

**60.** If any master wilfully fails to give notice, as required by section 32, of any wreck, abandonment, damage, casualty, or loss, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, and, in default of payment of such fine, with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months.

**61.** If any person, whose certificate is suspended or cancelled under this Act, fails to deliver up the certificate as required by section 46, he shall be punishable with fine, which may extend to five hundred rupees.

**62.** If any person, in contravention of section 50, takes with him on board any inland steam-vessel any dangerous goods, or delivers or tenders any such goods for carriage on any inland steam-vessel, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, and the goods shall be forfeited to Government.

**63.** If any person employed or engaged in any capacity on board an inland steam-vessel, by wilful breach or by neglect of duty, or by reason of drunkenness—

(a) does any act tending immediately to wreck, destroy or materially damage the vessel, or to endanger the life or limb of any person on board, or belonging to the vessel; or

(b) refuses or omits to do any lawful act proper and requisite to be done by him for preserving the vessel from immediate wreck, destruction or material damage, or for preserving any such person from immediate danger to life or limb;

he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with both.

**64.** Where the owner or master of an inland steam-vessel is convicted of an offence under this Act or any rule made thereunder committed on board, or in relation to, that steam-vessel, and is sentenced to pay a fine, the Magistrate who passes the sentence may direct the amount of the fine to be levied by distress and sale of the steam-vessel and the tackle, apparel and furniture thereof, or so much thereof as is necessary.

**65.** Except in the case of an offence against any rule made under section 53, no Magistrate shall try an offence under this Act, or any

Penalty for master failing to give notice of wreck or casualty.

Penalty for failing to deliver up suspended or cancelled certificate.

Penalty for taking or delivering or tendering for carriage dangerous goods on board inland steam-vessel without notice.

Penalty for misconduct or neglect endangering inland steam-vessel or life or limb.

Levy of fine by distress of inland steam-vessel.

Jurisdiction of Magistrates.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Inland Steam-vessels (Amendment) Act, 1920 (6 of 1920), s. 10.

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rule made thereunder, unless he is a Presidency Magistrate or Magistrate whose powers are not less than those of a Magistrate of the first class.

**66.** If any person commits an offence against this Act or any rule made thereunder, he shall be triable for the offence in any place in which he may be found or which the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government], by notification<sup>2</sup> in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], appoints in this behalf, or in any other place in which he might be tried under any other enactment for the time being in force.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### SUPPLEMENTAL.

**67. (1)** The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may make rules to carry out Power for the purposes of this Act not otherwise specially provided for.

**(2)** Any rule made under this section may contain a provision that any person committing a breach of it shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.

**68.** The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, <sup>4\*</sup> \* \* by notification<sup>5</sup> Power for in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], declare that all or any of the provisions of Chapters II and III shall not apply in the case of any specified class of steam-vessels, or shall apply to them with such modifications as may be specified in the notification.

**69.** Save in so far as the <sup>6</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by Exemption of His notification in the <sup>8</sup>[Official Gazette] otherwise direct, nothing in this Act, or any rule made thereunder, shall apply to any inland steam-vessel belonging to, or in the service of, His Majesty <sup>9</sup>[or any Government in British India.]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> For notification appointing place of trial in Bengal, see Ben. R. and O.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>4</sup> The words "with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C." rep. by the A. O.

<sup>5</sup> For such notifications, see Bengal Marine Manual, Digest of Acts, Rules, etc., relating to Bombay Survey Department and Assam R. and O.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>7</sup> For such notification, see Gen. R. and O., Vol. IV, p. 516.

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>9</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "or the G. of I."

## (Chapter VIII.—Supplemental.)

Power for  
Provincial  
Government  
to define  
tidal water.

**70.** The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], define how much of any tidal water<sup>3</sup> shall be deemed to be an inland water for the purposes of this Act:

<sup>4</sup>[Provided that no such notification shall be made after the end of March, 1937.]

Fees re-  
coverable  
as fines.

**71.** All fees payable under this Act may be recovered as fines under this Act.

Certificated  
masters of  
inland  
steam-  
vessels to be  
deemed  
pilots under  
section 31  
of Act XV  
of 1908.

**72.** (1) Subject to the provisions of section 31, every master of an inland steam-vessel who possesses a master's certificate granted under this Act and in force shall, in ports to which section 31 of the Indian Ports Act, 1908, has been extended, be deemed, for the purposes of <sup>XV of 1908.</sup> that section, to be the pilot of the steam-vessel of which he is in charge.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect the provisions of Bombay Act I of 1863 (*An Act for the registry of vessels and levy of pilotage fees on the river Indus*), which require persons in charge of vessels passing through any of the channels or tidal channels at the mouths of the river Indus to pay fees for pilotage.

Application  
of Act to  
vessels pro-  
pelled by  
electricity  
or other  
mechanical  
power.

**73.** The provisions of this Act shall also apply to all vessels which ordinarily ply on inland waters and are propelled by electricity or other mechanical power (except steam):

Provided that the <sup>5</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>6</sup>[Official Gazette], declare that any provision of this Act shall in its application under this section to such vessels, be subject to such modifications, for the purpose of adaptation, as may be specified in the notification.

Publication  
of rules.

**74.** (1) The power to make rules conferred on a <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] by this Act is subject to the condition of the rules being made after previous publication.

(2) All such rules shall, when made, be published in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], and shall thereupon have effect as if enacted in this Act.

**75.** [Repeals and savings.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>3</sup> For notifications defining tidal water, see Bengal Marine Manual and Digest of Acts, Rules, etc., relating to Bombay Survey Department.

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

(Schedule I.—Rates of Fees.)

## SCHEDULE I.

## RATES OF FEES.

[See sections 6(a) and 19(d).]

		Tons.	Rs.
For steam-vessels of less than . . . . .		100	25
" , 100 tons and up to . . . . .		200	40
" , 200 , , , . . . . .		350	50
" , 350 , , , . . . . .		700	60
" , 700 , , , . . . . .		1,000	80
" , 1,000 , , , . . . . .		1,500	100
" , 1,500 , , and upwards . . . . .		...	120

SCHEDULE II.—[ENACTMENTS REPEALED.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927).

## THE MOTOR SPIRIT (DUTIES) ACT, 1917.

Act No. II of 1917.<sup>1</sup>

[16th February, 1917.]

An Act to provide for the imposition and levy of certain duties on motor spirit.

WHEREAS it is expedient to impose an excise duty and to increase the existing customs duty on motor spirit; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Motor Spirit (Duties) Act, 1917.

Short title,  
extent and  
duration.(2) It extends to the whole of British India; <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* \* \*

2. " Manufactory " means any place where motor spirit is refined or otherwise prepared.

Definitions.

" Motor spirit " means any inflammable hydro-carbon (including any mixture of hydro-carbons or any liquid containing hydro-carbon) which is capable of being used for providing reasonably efficient motive power for any form of motor vehicle.

<sup>1</sup> For Proceedings in Council, see Gazette of India, 1917, Pt. VI, p. 151.

The provisions of this Act (except s. 6) are applicable for the purpose of the levy and collection of an excise duty on kerosene, see s. 5 of the Indian Finance Act, 1922 (12 of 1922).

<sup>2</sup> The word " and " at the end of sub-section (2) and sub-section (3) which provided that the Act shall remain in force during the war and six months thereafter were rep. by the Motor Spirit (Duties) Amendment Act, 1919 (3 of 1919), s. 2.

Imposition  
of excise  
duty on  
motor spirit  
manufac-  
tured in  
British  
India.

**3.** (1) There shall be levied and collected at every manufactory in British India on all motor spirit produced in such manufactory, a duty at the rate of <sup>1</sup>[eight annas] on each imperial gallon.

*Explanation.*—Motor spirit is said to be produced, within the meaning of this section, when it is issued, out of the premises of the manufactory.

(2) If any duty payable under sub-section (1) is not paid within the time fixed by a notice issued in accordance with any rules made under this Act, the authority to which such duty is payable may, in lieu thereof, recover any sum not exceeding double the amount of the duty so unpaid, which such authority may in its discretion think it reasonable to require.

(3) All sums recoverable under sub-section (1) shall be recovered in the manner prescribed in the <sup>2</sup>Indian Income-tax Act, 1886, section II of 1886. 30, sub-sections (1), (2) and (3), with respect to the sums therein referred to.

Issue of  
motor spirit  
after com-  
mencement  
of Act.

**4.** (1) After the commencement of this Act, no person shall issue any motor spirit out of the premises of any manufactory, except in accordance with the provisions of rules made under this Act in that behalf, or, until such rules are made, in accordance with the general or special orders of the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government].

(2) Whoever contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be punishable with fine which may extend to rupees one thousand, or to a sum double the amount of the duty payable on any motor spirit so issued, whichever is greater.

Application  
of Sea Cus-  
toms Act  
and rule-  
making  
power.

**5.** (1) The <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] may, by <sup>5</sup>notification in the <sup>6</sup>[Official Gazette], declare that any of the provisions of the Sea Customs <sup>VIII of 1878.</sup> Act, 1878, relating to the levy of, and exemption from, custom duties, drawback of duty, warehousing, offences and penalties, confiscation, and the procedure relating to offences and appeals shall, with such modifications and alterations as <sup>7</sup>[it] may consider necessary or desirable to adapt them to the circumstances, be applicable in regard to like matters in respect of the duty on motor spirit imposed by section 3, and may further, for the purpose of providing for the assessment and collection of the said duty and for purposes ancillary thereto, make rules—

(i) imposing on owners of manufactories the duty of furnishing returns and keeping records and books, prescribing the forms

<sup>1</sup> The rate which was originally six annas per gallon, was reduced to four annas by the Indian Finance Act, 1925 (13 of 1925), s. 5, increased to six annas by the Indian Finance Act, 1929 (6 of 1929), s. 6 and then again to eight annas by the Indian Finance Act, 1931, s. 6.

<sup>2</sup> See now the Indian Income-tax Act, 1922 (11 of 1922), s. 46.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>5</sup> For such notifications and rules, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. IV, p. 518.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

of such returns, records and books and the particulars to be contained therein respectively, and the manner in which the same are to be verified and all such other conditions thereof as may be necessary;

- (ii) providing for the regulation of the issue of motor spirit out of manufactories, the assessment of the duty, and the issue of notices requiring payment and for the recovery of unpaid duty;
- (iii) providing for the inspection of manufactories and for the taking of samples, and for the making of test of any substance produced therein;
- (iv) generally carrying into effect the purposes hereinbefore specified.

(2) In making any rule under the rule-making power hereinbefore conferred, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may declare that any breach thereof shall be punishable with fine which may extend to rupees five hundred.

**6. [Imposition of additional duty on motor spirit imported into British India.] Rep. by the Indian Finance Act, 1925 (XIII of 1925), s. 5.**

## THE DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS ACT, 1917.

Act No. V of 1917.<sup>2</sup>

[28th February, 1917.]

An Act to consolidate and amend the law providing for the destruction or other disposal of certain documents in the possession or custody of Courts and Revenue and other public officers.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law providing for the destruction or other disposal of certain documents in the possession or custody of Courts and Revenue and other public officers; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Destruction of Records Act, 1917. Short title.

2. [Definitions.] Rep. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup>3. (1) The authorities hereinafter specified may, from time to time, make rules for the disposal, by destruction or otherwise, of such documents Power to certain authorities to

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1917, Pt. V, p. 2; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1917, Pt. VI, pp. 17 and 292.

This Act has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.; and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

<sup>3</sup> S. 3 has been amended in its application to the U. P. by the U. P. Board of Revenue Act, 1922 (U. P. 12 of 1922), s. 2 and Sch.

make rules  
for disposal  
of docu-  
ments.

documents as are, in the opinion of the authority making the rules, not of sufficient public value to justify their preservation.

(2) The authorities shall be—

- (a) in the case of documents in the possession or custody of a High Court or of the Courts of Civil or Criminal jurisdiction subordinate thereto,—the High Court;
  - (b) in the case of documents in the possession or custody of Revenue Courts and officers,—the Chief Controlling Revenue-authority<sup>1</sup>; and
  - (c) in the case of documents in the possession or custody of any other public officer,—
- <sup>2</sup>[(i) if the documents relate to purposes of a Province, the Provincial Government or any officer specially authorised in that behalf by that Government;
- (ii) in any other case, the Central Government or an officer specially authorised in that behalf by that Government.]

<sup>3</sup>[(3) Rules made under this section by any High Court or by a Chief Controlling Revenue-authority<sup>1</sup> or by an officer specially authorised in that behalf by any Provincial Government shall be subject to the previous approval of the Provincial Government; and rules made by an officer specially authorised in that behalf by the Central Government shall be subject to the previous approval of the Central Government.]

Validation  
of former  
rules for  
disposal of  
documents.

4. All rules and orders directing or authorising the destruction or other disposal of documents in the possession or custody of any public officer, heretofore made by a <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government], or with the approval of the <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government] by any authority not empowered to make such rules under the Destruction of Records Act, 1879, <sup>III of 1879.</sup> shall be deemed to have had the force of law from the date on which they were made, and all such rules and orders now in force shall continue to have the force of law until they are superseded by rules made under this Act.

Saving of  
certain  
documents.

5. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to authorise the destruction of any document which, under the provisions of any law for the time being in force, is to be kept and maintained.

6. [Repeals.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927).

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**THE SCHEDULE.—[REPEAL OF ENACTMENTS. Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.]**

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<sup>1</sup> For definition of Chief Controlling Revenue-authority, formerly included in s. 2, see now the General Clauses Act, 1897 (10 of 1897), s. 3 (9a).

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “the L. G., or any officer specially authorised in that behalf by the L. G.”

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original sub-section.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “L. G.”

**THE KING OF OUDH'S ESTATE VALIDATION  
ACT, 1917.**

Act No. XII of 1917.<sup>1</sup>

[21st March, 1917.]

**An Act to validate certain deeds of conveyance and a trust deed relating to certain properties of His late Majesty, Wajid Ali Shah, King of Oudh, and for other purposes.**

WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the validity of three deeds of conveyance, all dated the 23rd November, 1901, and a deed of declaration of trust of the same date, copies of which are set out in the Schedule to this Act, and all of which deeds purport to relate to certain properties then or formerly of His late Majesty, Wajid Ali Shah, King of Oudh (hereinafter, in this Act, called the late King), and in the case of the said trust deed to declare the trusts of a certain Emambarra, mosque and burial ground, and for the up-keep and maintenance thereof to constitute a certain Endowment Fund hereinafter in this Act referred to as the Sbtainabad Endowment Fund;

AND WHEREAS by the said trust deed it was recited or assumed *inter alia* that a share amounting to rupees two hundred thousand in a certain Government Promissory Note No. 018878 for rupees five hundred thousand standing in the name of Malkai Kisshore and deposited in the Government Treasury at Lucknow belonged to the estate of the late King, and that the said share was to form a part of the Sbtainabad Endowment Fund, and the interest thereon to be applied with the interest of certain other securities in the said trust deed referred to for the up-keep and maintenance of the said Emambarra, mosque and burial ground;

AND WHEREAS all interest from the 1st of March 1901 to the 31st of December, 1913, payable in respect of the said share of rupees two hundred thousand in the said Note has been paid and credited to the Sbtainabad Endowment Fund along with the interest of the said other securities and the said Emambarra, mosque and burial ground have been kept up and maintained thereout;

AND WHEREAS it now appears that the said share of rupees two hundred thousand did not, in fact, belong to the estate of the late King, and that on his death the interest thereon was or was intended to be payable to certain of the issue of the said Malkai Kisshore, and that the inclusion of the interest of the said share in the Sbtainabad Endowment Fund was due to a misapprehension;

AND WHEREAS there is now standing to the credit of the Sbtainabad Endowment Fund the sum of rupees seventy-seven thousand eight

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1917, Pt. V, p. 23; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, Pt. VI, pp. 143, 144.

hundred and fifty-six being the accumulated balance after providing for the up-keep and maintenance of the said Emambarra, mosque and burial ground;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said deeds of conveyance and the said trust deed and all acts and things done thereunder should be validated, and that at the same time it should be formally declared that the said share of rupees two hundred thousand no longer forms a part of the Sbtainabad Endowment Fund, and that the interest thereon shall be made available as from the 1st of January, 1914, for the persons who may hereafter be deemed entitled thereto under the provisions hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREAS it is just and equitable that the said sum of rupees seventy-seven thousand eight hundred and fifty-six should be released from the trusts of the said trust deed and should also be made available for distribution amongst the persons so entitled;

AND WHEREAS it is also expedient to provide for the future management and distribution of the said share of rupees two hundred thousand and of the interest accrued due since the 1st of January, 1914, and hereafter accruing due from time to time in respect thereof and also for the distribution of any future surplus monies which may accrue to the said Sbtainabad Endowment Fund after providing for the up-keep and maintenance of the said Emambarra, mosque and burial ground;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**Short title.**

1. This Act may be called the King of Oudh's Estate Validation Act, 1917.

**Validation of certain deeds.**

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in any enactment or any rule of law to the contrary, the three deeds of conveyance and the trust deed, copies of which are set out in the Schedule, and all acts and things done under the said deeds are, save as is hereinafter provided, validated and confirmed:

Provided that, with effect from the 1st of January, 1914, the said trust deed shall be construed as if no reference had been made therein to the share of rupees two hundred thousand of the said Government Promissory Note, and as if the sum of rupees thirteen thousand six hundred and thirty-four had been mentioned in the twelfth recital thereof instead of the sum of rupees sixteen thousand, and the sum of rupees four hundred thousand instead of the sum of rupees six hundred thousand, and with such further alterations and modifications as this construction may require.

**Payment of Rs. 77,856 from the Fund.**

3. The sum of rupees seventy-seven thousand eight hundred and fifty-six shall be released from the trusts of the said trust deed, and shall be paid from the surplus monies of the said Sbtainabad Endowment Fund to such officer as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may appoint, and shall be distributed in the manner hereinafter provided.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

**4.** The sum referred to in section 3 and any further sums which the Distribution.  
<sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may at any time declare to be surplus monies  
of the Sibtainabad Endowment Fund as <sup>2</sup>[it] is hereby empowered to  
do, and all sums payable in respect of interest on the said share of the  
said Government Promissory Note accrued due since the 1st of January,  
1914, or hereafter to accrue due from time to time in respect thereof,  
are hereby declared to be pensions, and the said share of the said note  
is hereby declared to be a grant of money within the meaning of the  
Pensions Act, 1871, and that Act shall apply to such sums as if they  
were pensions of the classes referred to in sections 4 and 11 of the said  
Act and to the said share as if it was a grant of the class referred to  
in section 4 of the said Act, subject, however, to the following modi-  
fications, namely:—

- (i) any claim under section 5 of the said Act as applied shall  
be preferred to such officer as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government]  
may authorise in this behalf;
- (ii) the power of commutation conferred by section 10 of the  
said Act shall be exercisable without the consent of the  
holder where the payment to be made is at a rate less than  
a rate of rupee one per month; and
- (iii) the power to make rules conferred by sections 5 and 14 of  
the said Act shall extend to a power to make rules pres-  
cribing the persons or classes of persons to whom, and the  
principles on which, all distributions under this Act shall  
be made.

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**THE SCHEDULE. [Omitted.]**

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**THE PATNA UNIVERSITY ACT, 1917.**

**ACT No. XVI OF 1917.<sup>5</sup>**

*[18th September, 1917.]*

An Act to establish and incorporate a University at Patna.

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish and incorporate a University  
at Patna, to be known as the Patna University; It is hereby enacted  
as follows:—

**1. (1)** This Act may be called the Patna University Act, 1917.

Short title  
and com-  
mencement.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>4</sup> See the collection of the Acts passed by the G. G. of India in C. in the year 1917.

<sup>5</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1916, Pt. V, p. 82;  
for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1917, Pt. V, p. 78 and for Proceedings in  
Council, see *ibid.*, 1916, Pt. VI, p. 572, and *ibid.*, 1917, Pt. VI, pp. 24, 294, 540,  
719, 862 and 877.

**Definitions.** (2) It shall come into force<sup>1</sup> on such date<sup>2</sup> as the<sup>3</sup> [Central Government] may, by notification in the<sup>4</sup> [Official Gazette], direct.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

“College” means an institution admitted to the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Regulations;]

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“Regulations” means Regulations for the time being in force of the University;

“Senate” means the University Senate;

“Syndicate” means the University Syndicate;

\* \* \* \* \*

“University” means the Patna University.

**Incorporation.** 3. (1) The first Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the University, and the first members of the Senate, and all persons who may hereafter become such officers or members, so long as they continue to hold such office or membership, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Patna University.

(2) The Patna University shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall sue and be sued by the said name.

(3) The University shall be deemed to have been incorporated for the purposes, among others, of making provision for imparting education, of promoting original research, of examining students and conferring degrees, of admitting educational institutions to its privileges,<sup>5</sup> [and of inspecting the colleges and supervising all matters of education and discipline therein].

**Authorities and officers of the University.** 4. The following shall be the authorities and officers of the University:—

- (i) the Chancellor;
- (ii) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (iii) the Senate;
- (iv) the Syndicate;
- (v) the Registrar; and
- (vi) such other authorities and officers as the Regulations may declare to be authorities or officers of the University.

<sup>1</sup> This Act has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.; and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

<sup>2</sup> This Act was brought into force on the 1st October 1917, see Notification No. 834, dated the 1st October, 1917; Gen. R. and O., Vol. IV, p. 523.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Gazette of India”.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1932 (B. & O. 1 of 1932), s. 2, for original definition.

<sup>6</sup> The definitions of “College of the University” and “External College” were rep. by s. 2, *ibid.*, and the definition of “Local Government” by the A. O.

<sup>7</sup> The definition of “University Staff” rep. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1932 (B. & O. 1 of 1932), s. 2.

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by s. 3, *ibid.*, for the original words.

5. <sup>1</sup>[(1) Such person as the Governor-General, exercising his individual judgment, may nominate shall be the Chancellor.] The Chancellor.

(2) The Chancellor shall, by virtue of his office, be the head of the University, and shall, when present, preside at Convocation of the University convened for the purpose of conferring degrees and for other purposes.

(3) Every proposal for the conferment of an honorary degree shall be subject to the confirmation of the Chancellor.

(4) The Chancellor shall finally decide any dispute with regard to the election of any person to be a member of the Senate or Syndicate.

<sup>2</sup>[(5) The Chancellor shall have the right to make an inspection, or to cause an inspection to be made by such person or persons as he may direct, of the University, its buildings, laboratories, workshops and equipment and of any institutions associated with the University, and also of the examinations, teaching and other work conducted or done by the University, and to make an inquiry or to cause an inquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter connected with the University. The Chancellor shall in every case give notice to the University of his intention to make an inspection or inquiry or to cause an inspection or inquiry to be made, and the University shall be entitled to be represented thereat.]

<sup>3</sup>[(6) The Chancellor may, by order in writing annul any proceeding of the University which is not in conformity with this Act and the Regulations:

Provided that, before making any such order, he shall call upon the University to show cause why such an order should not be made, and if any cause is shown within a reasonable time, he shall consider the same.]

6. (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the <sup>4</sup>[Central The Vice-Chancellor. Government], and shall hold office for three years from the date of his appointment, on the expiration of which period he may be re-appointed from time to time, provided that no such re-appointment shall be for a longer period than two years.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall, when present, preside at every meeting of any University authority of which he is a member and at Convocation of the University when the Chancellor is not present.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for original sub-section as amended by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1921 (B. & O. 1 of 1921), s. 2, which read:—

(i) “The Chancellor shall be the Governor of Bihar and Orissa for the time being”.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1923 (B. & O. 3 of 1923), s. 2, for the original sub-section.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by s. 2, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “L. G.”

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint and control every <sup>1\*</sup> \* \* servant of the University <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* whose aggregate emoluments do not exceed two hundred rupees per mensem.

(4) The Vice-Chancellor shall have the right of visiting and inspecting the colleges.

The Senate.

7. <sup>3</sup>[(1) The Senate shall consist of the following Fellows, namely :—

**CLASS I.—*Ex-officio Fellows*—**

- (i) The Vice-Chancellor;
- <sup>4</sup>[(ii) The Ministers of the Governor of Bihar and the Minister for Education of the Governor of Orissa;]
- (iii) The Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Patna;
- (iv) The Director of Public Instruction, Bihar and <sup>5</sup>[the Director of Public Instruction,] Orissa;
- (v) The Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, Bihar and <sup>5</sup>[the Director of Health and Prison Services,] Orissa;
- (vi) The Director of Industries, Bihar and <sup>5</sup>[the Director of Industries,] Orissa;
- (vii) The Principals of colleges in which instruction is given to a degree standard;
- (viii) The Principal of the Cuttack Training College;

**CLASS II.—*Fellows for life*—**

- (i) Such persons, not exceeding five in number, as may be appointed by the Chancellor on the ground that they have rendered eminent services to the cause of education;
- (ii) All persons who have given, whether in one or more instalments, a sum of not less than one lakh of rupees to or for the purposes of the University or of a college;

**CLASS III.—*Representative Fellows*—**

- (i) Twenty-five persons to be elected by the teaching staffs of the colleges, of whom one at least shall be elected from <sup>6</sup>[and] by the teaching staff of each college in which instruction is given to a degree standard;
- (ii) Five persons to be elected by the graduate teachers of schools in which instruction is given to a standard prescribed by the Regulations;

<sup>1</sup> The words "officer and" rep. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1932 (B. & O. 1 of 1932), s. 4.

<sup>2</sup> The words and brackets (other than the members of the University Staff), rep. by s. 4, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Sub-section (1) was subs. for the original sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) by s. 5, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original clause.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1934, (B. & O. 9 of 1934), s. 2, for "among themselves".

- (iii) Twenty registered graduates to be elected <sup>1</sup>[from and] by such registered graduates as are not for the time being <sup>2</sup>[included, or who would not on payment of any fee prescribed by the Regulations, be eligible for inclusion, in either of] the electorates referred to in sub-heads (i) and (ii);
- (iv) Five persons to be elected by such associations or public bodies and in such number by each such association or body as the Chancellor may direct;
- <sup>3</sup>[(v) Two persons elected by the Legislative Assembly of Bihar from among their own body;
- (vi) One person elected by the Legislative Council of Bihar from among their own body;
- (vii) Two persons elected by the Legislative Assembly of Orissa from among their own body:]

Provided that the elections under sub-heads (i) and (iii) shall be made subject to such conditions as to the representation on the Senate of all the Faculties of the University as may be prescribed by the Regulations and that not less than one-fifth of the persons to be elected under each sub-head of Representative Fellows shall be persons permanently resident in <sup>4</sup>[Orissa]: and

#### CLASS IV.—*Nominated Fellows*—

Not more than fifteen Fellows to be nominated by the Chancellor subject to the Regulations]

<sup>5</sup>[(2)] Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Regulations, the Senate shall have the entire management of, and superintendence over, the affairs, concerns and property of the University, and shall exercise all the powers of the University not otherwise provided for.

In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power,

- (i) it shall determine—
  - (a) what degrees and diplomas shall be granted by the University;
  - (b) the courses of study and the duration thereof;
  - (c) the time in a student's career at which such courses shall be taken;
  - (d) what subjects or groups of subjects shall be regarded as qualifying for each degree;

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1934 (B. & O. 9 of 1934), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 2, *ibid.*, for " included in ".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original sub-head (v).

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " the Orissa Division ".

<sup>5</sup> The original sub-sections (4) and (5) were renumbered (2) and (3) respectively by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1932 (B. & O. 1 of 1932), s. 5.

- (e) whether any new subject of instruction shall be included in the curriculum of <sup>1</sup>[any college], or whether any subject previously taught shall be omitted therefrom;
- (f) whether the standard to which instruction is given in any subject shall be raised or lowered; and
- (ii) it shall pass the Budget.

<sup>2</sup>[(3)] Save on a reference made to it by not less than six members of the Syndicate jointly, the Senate shall not have power to review any act of the Syndicate duly done in the exercise of its powers under this Act or the Regulations in respect of any of the following matters:—

- (a) the appointment of members of the Faculties and Boards of Studies, the determination of the procedure of such Faculties or Boards and of the quorum of members required for the transaction of business;
- (b) the appointment and remuneration of examiners and the determination of their duties and powers;
- (c) the award of scholarships and prizes;
- \* \* \* \* \*
- <sup>3</sup>(d) the prescription of text-books for the courses of study; and
- <sup>3</sup>(e) the general disciplinary control over the students of the University.

The Syndicate.

8. <sup>4</sup>[(1) The Syndicate shall consist of <sup>5</sup>[the following members of the Senate, namely:--]

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor, *ex-officio*;
- (ii) the Director of Public Instruction, Bihar and <sup>6</sup>[the Director of Public Instruction,] Orissa, *ex-officio*;
- (iii) two Principals and two Professors to be nominated by the Chancellor from four different colleges, of which one shall be the Ravenshaw College, if no member of the wholetime staff of the said college is elected under clause (iv) (a); and
- (iv) twelve members to be elected by the Senate from among its members in such manner as may be prescribed by the Regulations, of whom—
- (a) five shall be wholetime members of the staff of a college, and not more than one shall be elected from any college;

*Explanation.*—A member of the staff of the Prince of Wales Medical College who also works at the <sup>7</sup>[Patna

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1932 (B. & O. 1 of 1932), s. 5, for “the University or any of its colleges”.

<sup>2</sup> The original sub-sections (4) and (5) were re-numbered (2) and (3) respectively by s. 5, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> The original cl. (d) was omitted and cls. (e) and (f) were re-lettered (d) and (e) respectively by s. 5, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for the original sub-sections (1), (2) and (3).

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1934 (B. & O. 9 of 1934), s. 3.

<sup>6</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by B. & O. Act 9 of 1934, s. 3, for “Patna General Hospital”.

Medical College Hospital] shall, for the purposes of this sub-clause, be deemed to be a wholetime member of the staff of the Prince of Wales Medical College; and

- (b) seven shall be persons who are not members of the staff of any college or any school and of them at least one shall be permanently resident in the Orissa Division.]

<sup>1</sup>[(1a) (i) If an elected member of the Syndicate dies, or resigns, or otherwise ceases to hold office, the Syndicate may appoint to be a member of the Syndicate a person who would be eligible for election to fill the vacancy so caused;

(ii) a person appointed to be a member of the Syndicate under clause (i) shall hold office until the next ordinary meeting of the Senate.]

<sup>2</sup>[(2)] In addition to the matters referred to in section <sup>3</sup>[7 (3)], the Syndicate shall determine, subject to the provisions of section <sup>4</sup>[7 (2)] and the Regulations, the standard of proficiency to be required for ordinary degrees, shall control the courses of study <sup>5</sup>[and the examinations and shall be responsible for the supervision and inspection of the colleges].

<sup>6</sup> [8A. No act or proceeding of any authority or other body of the University shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of any casual vacancy or vacancies among its members.]

9. <sup>7</sup>\*No educational institution shall be admitted as a college, unless the following conditions are complied with, namely:—

(a) the admission of the institution as a college has, on application made, and after the Syndicate has recorded its opinion on such application, been approved by the Senate and the <sup>8</sup>[Central Government]; and

(b) all provisions of the Regulations relating to the admission of educational institutions as colleges have been substantially complied with.

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10. (1) Any member of the Syndicate may bring forward a proposal that a college be deprived, either in whole or in part, of its privileges.

(2) The Syndicate shall, after affording the governing body of the college all reasonable facilities for stating its objections to the proposal, consider the proposal and transmit a copy of its proceedings, including

Proceedings  
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Admission  
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colleges.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1934 (B. & O. 9 of 1934), s. 3

<sup>2</sup> The original sub-section (4) was re-numbered (2) by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1932 (B. & O. 1 of 1932), s. 6

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for "7 (5)".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for "7 (4)".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for the original words.

<sup>6</sup> Ins. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1923 (B. & O. 3 of 1923), s. 3.

<sup>7</sup> The brackets and figure "(1)" before sub-section (1) and sub-sections (2) and (3) were rep. by B. & O. Act 1 of 1932, s. 7.

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

a copy of any representation which may be made by such governing body thereon, to the Senate.

(3) The Senate shall consider the proposal and shall, if it approves the same either with or without modification, transmit a copy of the proceedings of the Syndicate and of its own proceedings to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

(4) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], after such further inquiry, if any, as may appear to it to be necessary shall, in so far as it agrees with the opinion of the Senate, express its concurrence therewith, and thereupon, the college shall be deprived of such privileges as the decision of the Senate and the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] (which shall be communicated to it) may specify.

**Termination of privileges granted by other Universities to educational institutions in Bihar or Orissa.**

**11.** Notwithstanding anything in any other law for the time being in force, no University in British India other than the Patna University shall, after the commencement of this Act, admit any educational institution in the Province of Bihar <sup>2</sup>[or of Orissa] to any privileges whatever, and any such privileges granted by any such other University to any educational institution in that Province prior to the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be withdrawn on the commencement of this Act:

Provided that any educational institution which, in accordance with the provisions of this section, has been deprived of any such privileges shall, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9, be deemed to have been granted the like privileges by the Patna University.

**University staff.**

**12.** The <sup>3</sup>[Officers of the University other than the Vice-Chancellor] shall be appointed by the Chancellor after considering the recommendations of the Syndicate and the Senate:

Provided that in the case of a person paid from the funds of the University whose term of appointment does not extend beyond a total period of six months, the appointment shall rest with the Syndicate subject to the sanction of the Chancellor.

**Audit of accounts.**

**13.** The accounts of the University shall, once at least in every year, and at intervals of not more than fifteen months, be audited by auditors appointed by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], and a copy of the accounts, together with the auditors' report, shall be published in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette].

**Central Board at Patna.**

**5[13A.]** (1) There shall be a Central Board at Patna consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, each Principal of a college at Patna and eight members appointed by the Syndicate from the governing bodies of such colleges, of whom four shall be, and four shall not be, members of the staff of a college.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "and Orissa".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1932 (B. & O. I of 1932), 8, for "members of the University staff".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by B. & O. Act I of 1932, s. 9.

(2) The Central Board shall be subordinate to the Syndicate.

(3) The Central Board shall have the following powers in respect of the colleges at Patna, namely :—

- (a) to arrange for inter-collegiate lectures;
- (b) to promote the health and the general welfare of the students; and
- (c) to promote the corporate life of the students.]

**14.** (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Regulations—

Regulations.

(i) shall provide for the following matters :—

- (a) the election and all matters connected therewith of <sup>1</sup>[Representative Fellows of the Senate] and so as to include provisions for the adequate representation of all the Faculties of the University among the Fellows to be elected <sup>2</sup>[by the registered graduates and] by the teaching staffs of the colleges;
  - <sup>3</sup>[(b) the election and all matters connected therewith of the elected members of the Syndicate;]
  - (c) the duration of the term of office of the <sup>1</sup>[Fellows of the Senate and the members of the Syndicate, other than life and *ex-officio* Fellows and *ex-officio* members];
  - (d) the maintenance for the purpose of constituting <sup>4</sup>[the electorates referred to in Sub-heads (i), (ii) and (iii) of Class III of section 7 (1)] of <sup>5</sup>[registers of college teachers, school teachers and graduates] including, for such period as may be thereby prescribed, graduates of any other University who are ordinarily resident in Bihar <sup>6</sup>[or in Orissa], and the conditions subject to which entries may be made therein; and
  - (e) the procedure to be followed at meetings of the Senate and Syndicate and the quorum of Fellows or members required to be present for the transaction of business; and
- (ii) may provide for all or any of the following matters :—
- (a) the constitution, powers and duties of the Faculties, Boards of Studies, or such other authorities or bodies, as it may be deemed necessary, from time to time, to appoint;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1932 (B. & O. Act I of 1932), s. 10, for "Ordinary Fellows or members of the Senate and Syndicate".

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by s. 10, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 10, *ibid.*, for the original cl. (b).

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 10, *ibid.*, for "the electorates referred in s. 7 (3) (i) (c)".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 10, *ibid.*, for "a register of graduates".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "and Orissa".

- (b) the conditions of appointment and the powers and duties of the <sup>1</sup>[officers (other than the Vice-Chancellor) and servants of the University];
  - (c) the constitution and functions of the governing bodies of the colleges;
  - (d) the admission of educational institutions as colleges, and the withdrawal of privileges from colleges so admitted;
  - (e) the admission of students to the University and their examination;
  - (f) the residential arrangements for students of the University;
  - (g) the mode of appointment and duties of examiners;
  - (h) the conferment and withdrawal by the University of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;
  - (i) the general discipline and control of the University <sup>2\* \* \*</sup>;
  - (j) the accounts to be kept and the use to be made of the funds of the University; and
  - (k) generally for carrying out the provisions of this Act.
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<sup>3</sup>[(2)] The Senate may, from time to time, make new or additional Regulations, or may amend or repeal the Regulations.

<sup>3</sup>[(3)] The Syndicate may from time to time lay before the Senate any proposals for new Regulations or for the amendment or repeal of any of the existing Regulations, and it shall be the duty of the Senate duly to consider all such proposals.

<sup>3</sup>[(4)] All new Regulations, or additions to the Regulations, or amendments to, or repeals of, the Regulations shall require the previous sanction of the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government], which may sanction, disallow, or remit the same for further consideration.

**THE FIRST SCHEDULE.—[ORDINARY FELLOWS OF THE FIRST SENATE.]** Rep. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1932 (B. & O. Act I of 1932), s. 12.

**THE SECOND SCHEDULE.—[ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE FIRST SYNDICATE.]** Rep. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1932 (B. & O. Act I of 1932), s. 12.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Patna University (Amendment) Act, 1932 (B. & O. Act I of 1932), s. 10, for “Registrar, Professors and other officers of the University, whether being members of the University staff or not”.

<sup>2</sup> The words “and of the colleges of the University” rep. by s. 10, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Sub-sections (2) and (3) were omitted, and sub-sections (4), (5) and (6) were re-numbered (2), (3) and (4), respectively, by s. 10, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “L. G.”

## THE POST OFFICE CASH CERTIFICATES ACT, 1917.

Act No. XVIII OF 1917.<sup>1</sup>

[19th September, 1917.]

An Act to restrict the transfer of Post Office 5-year Cash Certificates and to provide for the payment of Certificates standing in the name of deceased persons.

WHEREAS it is expedient to restrict the transfer of Post Office 5-year Cash Certificates and to provide for the payment of Certificates standing in the name of deceased persons; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Post Office Cash Certificates Act, 1917. Short title.

2. (1) Notwithstanding any provision in any enactment or any rule of law for the time being in force to the contrary, no transfer (whether made before or after the commencement of this Act) of a Post Office 5-year Cash Certificate shall be valid without the previous consent in writing of [an officer of the Post Office authorised by general or special order of the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] in that behalf].

(2) In this section "transfer" means a transfer *inter vivos* and does not include a transfer by operation of law.

v of 1873.

3. (1) If a person dies and is at the time of his death the holder of a Post Office 5-year Cash Certificate, payment of the sum for the time being due on such Certificate may be made in the manner provided in the Government Savings Banks Act, 1873, for the payment of deposits belonging to the estates of deceased persons, and the provisions of sections 4 to 9 of the said Act shall apply accordingly as if the holder of such Certificate were a depositor in a Government Savings Bank and the sum for the time being due on such certificate were a deposit in such a Bank <sup>4</sup>[and as if for the words "three thousand" in sections 4 and 8 of the said Act the words "five thousand" were substituted]:

Provided that the powers conferred by the said provisions on the Secretary of a Government Savings Bank shall be exercisable by the Post Master-General for the area within which the post office of issue of such Certificate is situate:

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1917, Pt. V, p. 75; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1917, Pt. VI, pp. 705 and 929.

This Act has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.; and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Post Office Cash Certificates (Amendment) Act, 1920 (32 of 1920), s. 2 for "the Post Master-General for the area in which the post office of issue is situate".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by Act 32 of 1920, s. 3.

Provided further that, where in any one case payment is to be made of Certificates issued from more post offices than one, the said powers shall be exercisable by the Post Master-General for the area in which any of the said post offices is situate.

(2) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to require any person to accept payment of the amount due on a Post Office 5-year Cash Certificate before the same has reached maturity.

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## THE SIR CURRIMBHOY EBRAHIM BARONETCY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1917.

Act No. XXV OF 1917.

[27th September, 1917.]

An Act to amend the Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim Baronetcy Act, 1913.

WHEREAS since the passing of the Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim Baronetcy Act, 1913, Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim has made a representation to the Governor of Bombay in Council to the effect that his original intention was that the Sinking Fund of Rs. 20,00,000 (twenty lakhs), referred to in the said Act, should be formed in a period of sixty years by carrying to the credit of the said fund annually and investing an amount equal to 00.61 per cent. calculated on the amount of the Sinking Fund to be so formed, and that the Repairs Fund of Rs. 2,00,000 (two lakhs), also referred to in the said Act, should be formed in a period of twenty years by carrying to the credit of that Fund annually and investing an amount equal to 3.72 per cent., calculated on the amount of the Repairs Fund to be so formed but that the said Act, owing to a mistake, provided that the said percentages should be carried to the credit of the said respective funds every six months instead of every year;

AND WHEREAS under the orders of the Governor of Bombay in Council an inquiry into the matters aforesaid was directed to be held by the Advocate-General at Bombay who, after careful investigation and recording evidence, reported to the Governor of Bombay in Council that there had been a *bona fide* mistake in the drafting of the said Act and that the original intention of Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim was that the percentages of Rs. 00.61 and Rs. 3.72 and no more should be set aside each year;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to amend sections 7 and 14 of the said Act for the purpose of giving effect to the intention aforesaid; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim Baronetcy (Amendment) Act, 1917.

**1917: Act XXVI.]** *Transfer of Property (Validating).*

- 2.** (1) In sections 7 and 14 of the Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim Baronetcy Act, 1913 (hereinafter called the said Act), for the words "six months", wherever they occur shall be substituted the word "year".
- (2) The said Act shall be read and construed as if the amendments hereby enacted had formed part of the said Act from its commencement.

Amendment  
of sections  
7 and 14 of  
Act IV of  
1913.

**THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY (VALIDATING) ACT,  
1917.**

**ACT No. XXVI OF 1917.<sup>1</sup>**

[*27th September, 1917.*]

An Act to validate certain transfers of property made prior to the 1st of January, 1915.

WHEREAS it is expedient to validate certain transfers of property made prior to the 1st of January, 1915; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**1.** (1) This Act may be called the Transfer of Property (Validating) Short title and extent. Act, 1917.

(2) It shall extend, in the first instance, to the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, provided that the [Provincial Government of any Province] may, by notification<sup>2</sup> in the [Official Gazette], extend it to [the whole or any part of that Province].

**2.** Where a mortgage or gift purports to have been effected by an instrument executed prior to the 1st of January, 1915, and such instrument is required by the Transfer of Property Act, 1882, to be attested, such mortgage or gift shall not be deemed to be invalid by reason only that any person who purported to attest such instrument as a witness did not see the executant sign it, provided that such person before signing his name on the instrument received from the executant a personal acknowledgment of his signature to the same.

**3.** Where a claim under any such instrument executed prior to the 1st of January, 1915, has been wholly or in part dismissed, rejected, or withdrawn, after the 30th day of July, 1912, and before the commencement of this Act, in a Court of first instance or of revision or appeal,

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1916, Pt. V, p. 81; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1917, Pt. V, p. 29, and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1916, Pt. VI, pp. 321, 508, and *ibid.*, 1917, Pt. VI, pp. 206 and 1111.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> For notification extending the Act to Ajmer-Merwara, see Gazette of India, 1921, Pt. I, p. 8.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "any other part of British India specified in the notification".

by reason only of the fact that some person who purported to attest such instrument as a witness, on having received before signing his name thereon a personal acknowledgment from the executant of his signature to the same, did not see the executant sign it, the case may, if the dismissal, rejection or withdrawal has had the effect of invalidating, in whole or in part, the said instrument as between persons claiming thereunder, be restored on review in accordance with the procedure provided by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for review of judgments, <sup>Act V of</sup> 1908. on application in writing made within six months from the commencement of this Act; and on such restoration, the provisions of section 2 shall apply to such instrument:

Provided nevertheless—

- (1) that every Court to whom such an application is made shall have a discretion to refuse the same if it is of opinion that such restoration would prejudice the rights of any transferee for value in good faith under any transfer made subsequent to the said 30th day of July, 1912;
- (2) that in the event of a decree being passed upon such application in favour of the applicant or his legal representative, interest shall only be allowed under such instrument at the contractual rate up to the date of the original dismissal, rejection or withdrawal of such claim, and for a period of six months therefrom, and at the rate of 6 per cent. thereafter until realization; and
- (3) that in the event of the case being so restored the Court shall be bound by the finding of the former Court, by or before whom the case was dismissed, rejected or withdrawn, on any issue of fact which was heard and finally determined by it.

## THE CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1918.

Act No. II of 1918.<sup>1</sup>

[6th March, 1918.]

An Act to make provision for regulating exhibitions by means of Cinematographs.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for regulating exhibitions by means of cinematographs; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title,

1. (1) This Act may be called the Cinematograph Act, 1918.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1917, Pt. V, p. 74: for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1918, Pt. V, p. 11; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1917, Pt. VI, p. 708, and *ibid.*, 1918, Pt. VI, pp. 98, 94 and 275.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India, including British extent and  
Baluchistan. commencement.

<sup>1</sup>[<sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the  
<sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], direct that the whole or any of its provisions shall  
come into force in any Province or part of a Province on such date as  
may be specified in the notification.<sup>4</sup>]

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject Definition or context,—

“ cinematograph ” includes any apparatus for the representation  
of moving pictures or series of pictures;

“ place ” includes also a house, building, tent or vessel; and

“ prescribed ” means prescribed by rules made under this Act.

3. Save as otherwise provided in this Act, no person shall give an exhibition by means of a cinematograph elsewhere than in a place licensed under this Act, or otherwise than in compliance with any conditions and restrictions imposed by such licence.

4. The authority having power to grant licences under this Act Licensing<sup>5</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the “ licensing authority ”) shall be the authority. District Magistrate, or, in a presidency-town <sup>5\*</sup> \* \* \* the Commissioner of Police:

Provided that the <sup>6</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>7</sup>[Official Gazette], constitute for the whole or any part of a Province such other authority as it may specify in the notification to be the licensing authority for the purposes of this Act.

5. (1) The licensing authority shall not grant a licence under this Act, unless it is satisfied that—

(a) the rules made under the Act have been substantially complied with; and

(b) adequate precautions have been taken in the place in respect of which the licence is to be given to provide for the safety of persons attending exhibitions therein.

(2) A condition shall be inserted in every licence that the licensee will not exhibit, or permit to be exhibited, in such place any film other

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Cinematograph (Amendment) Act, 1919 (23 of 1919); s. 2, for the original sub-section.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words “ L. G. ”, which had been subs. for the words “ G. G. in C. ” by the Devolution Act, 1920 (38 of 1920), s. 2 and Sch. I.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words “ local official Gazette ”, which had been subs. for the words “ Gazette of India ” by the Devolution Act, 1920 (38 of 1920), s. 2 and Sch. I.

<sup>4</sup> For notifications by the G. G. in C. bringing s. 2, sub-sections (1), (2) and (3), of s. 7 and s. 8 into force in the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan, from the 1st February, 1920, and the other provisions of the Act from the 1st August, 1920, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. IV, p. 527. For notification declaring the Act to be in force in British Baluchistan from the 1st September, 1930, see Gazette of India, 1930, Pt. II-A, p. 415.

<sup>5</sup> The words “ or in the town of Rangoon ” rep. by the A. O.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “ L. G. ”

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “ local official Gazette ”.

than a film which has been certified as suitable for public exhibition by <sup>1</sup>[an authority constituted under section 7], and which, when exhibited, displays the prescribed mark of that authority, and has not been altered or tampered with in any way since such mark was affixed thereto.

(3) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this section, and to the control of the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government], the licensing authority may grant licences under this Act to such persons as it thinks fit, and on such terms and conditions, and subject to such restrictions as it may determine.

Punishment  
for contra-  
vention of  
this Act and  
rules made  
thereunder.

6. (1) If the owner or person in charge of a cinematograph uses the same or allows it to be used, or if the owner or occupier of any place permits that place to be used, in contravention of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder, or of the conditions and restrictions upon, or subject to which, any licence has been granted under this Act, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees and, in the case of a continuing offence, with a further fine which may extend to one hundred rupees for each day during which the offence continues, and his licence (if any) shall be liable to be revoked by the licensing authority.

(2) If any person is convicted of an offence punishable under this Act committed by him in respect of any film, the convicting Court may further direct that the film shall be forfeited to His Majesty.

Certification  
of films.

<sup>3</sup>[7. (1) Any <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] <sup>4\*</sup> \* \* may, by notification in the <sup>5</sup>[Official Gazette], constitute as many authorities as it may think fit for the purposes of examining and certifying films as suitable for public exhibition, and declare the area (hereinafter referred to as the 'local area') within which each such authority shall exercise the powers conferred on it by this Act. Where an authority so constituted consists of a Board of two or more persons, not more than one-half of the members thereof shall be persons <sup>6</sup>[in the service of the Crown].

(2) If any such authority after examination considers that a film is suitable for public exhibition, it shall grant a certificate to that effect to the person applying for the same, and shall cause the film to be marked in the prescribed manner. The certificate of any such authority shall, save as hereinafter provided, be valid throughout the territories in which this Act is in force.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Cinematograph (Amendment) Act, 1919 (23 of 1919), s. 3, for "the prescribed authority".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Cinematograph (Amendment) Act, 1919 (23 of 1919), s. 4, for the original section.

<sup>4</sup> The words "authorised in this behalf by the G. G. in C." rep. by the A. O.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "in the service of Govt."

(3) (a) If the authority is of opinion that a film is not suitable for public exhibition in the local area, it shall inform the person applying for the certificate of its decision, and such person may, within thirty days from the date of such decision, appeal for a reconsideration of the matter by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] by which the authority was constituted.

(b) If the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] rejects the appeal it shall, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], direct that the film shall be deemed to be an uncertified film in that local area, and such direction shall have effect notwithstanding the subsequent grant of a certificate in respect of the film by any other such authority.

(4) Any such authority may demand the exhibition before itself of any certified film which it has reason to believe is about to be publicly exhibited in its local area, and may by order suspend the certificate of any such film pending the orders of the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government], and during such suspension the film shall be deemed to be an uncertified film in that area.

(5) The District Magistrate, or, in a Presidency-town <sup>3\*</sup> \* \* the Commissioner of Police, may by order suspend the certificate of any film pending the orders of the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government], and during such suspension the film shall be deemed to be an uncertified film in that district or town.

(6) A copy of any order of suspension made under sub-section (4) or (5), together with a statement of reasons therefor, shall forthwith be forwarded by the authority or the officer making the same to the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] by which the authority was constituted or to which the officer is subordinate, as the case may be, and such <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may <sup>4\*</sup> \* \* either discharge the order or, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], direct that the film shall be deemed to be an uncertified film in the whole or any part of the Province.

(7) A <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, of its own motion, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], direct that a certified film shall be deemed to be an uncertified film in the whole or any part of the Province.

(8) The exhibition of a film to which any order or direction under clause (b) of sub-section (3) or sub-section (4), (5), (6) or (7) is for the time being applicable shall, in the area to which such order or direction relates, be deemed to be a contravention of the condition mentioned in sub-section (2) of section 5.]

8. (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may make rules for the purpose Power to make rules. of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>3</sup> The words "or in the town of Rangoon" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>4</sup> The words "in its discretion" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words "L. G.", which had been subs. for the words "G. G. in C." by the Devolution Act, 1920 (38 of 1920), s. 2 and Sch. I.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, rules under this section may provide for—

- (a) the regulation of cinematograph exhibitions for securing the public safety;
- (b) the procedure of the authorities constituted for examining and certifying films as suitable for public exhibition, and all matters ancillary thereto, and the fees to be levied by those authorities; <sup>1\*</sup>
- <sup>2</sup>[(bb) the appointment of officers subordinate to authorities constituted under section 7 and the regulation of the powers and duties of such officers; and]
- (c) any other matter which by this Act is to be prescribed.

<sup>3\*</sup> \* \* \* \*

(4) All rules made under this Act shall be published in <sup>4\*</sup> the <sup>5</sup>[Official Gazette], <sup>6\*</sup> \* and, on such publication, shall have effect as if enacted in this Act.

Power to exempt.

9. The [Provincial Government] may, by order in writing, exempt, subject to such conditions and restrictions as it may impose, any cinematograph exhibition or class of cinematograph exhibitions from any of the provisions of this Act or of any rule made thereunder.

## THE USURIOUS LOANS ACT, 1918.

Act No. X of 1918.<sup>8</sup>

[22nd March, 1918.]

An Act to give additional powers to Courts to deal in certain cases with usurious loans of money or in kind.

WHEREAS it is expedient to give additional powers to Courts to deal in certain cases with usurious loans of money or in kind; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title and extent.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Usurious Loans Act, 1918.

<sup>1</sup> The word "and" rep. by the Cinematograph (Amendment) Act, 1919 (23 of 1919), s. 5.

<sup>2</sup> Cl. (bb) ins., *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Sub-section (3) rep. by the Devolution Act, 1920 (38 of 1920), s. 2 and Sch. I.

<sup>4</sup> The words "Gazette of India or" rep., *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>6</sup> The words "as the case may be" rep. by Act 88 of 1920.

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>8</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1917, Pt. V, p. 86; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1918, Pt. V, p. 47; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1917, Pt. VI, pp. 714, 815 and *ibid.*, 1918, Pt. VI, pp. 94 and 707.

This Act has been declared to be in force in Panth Piploda by the Panth Piploda Laws Regulation, 1929 (1 of 1929), s. 2.

It has been amended in the U. P. by U. P. Act 23 of 1934, in the Punjab by Punjab Act 7 of 1934, in the C. P. by C. P. Act 11 of 1934, in the N.-W. F. P. by N.-W. F. P. Act 4 of 1935, and in Madras by Madras Act 8 of 1937.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan.

(3) The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification<sup>2</sup> in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], direct that it shall not apply to any area, class of persons, or class of transactions which it may specify in its notification.

**2.** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or Definitions context,—

(1) "Interest" means rate of interest and includes the return to be made over and above what was actually lent, whether the same is charged or sought to be recovered specifically by way of interest or otherwise.

(2) "Loan" means a loan whether of money or in kind and includes any transaction which is, in the opinion of the Court, in substance a loan.

(3) "Suit to which this Act applies" means any suit—

(a) for the recovery of a loan made after the commencement of this Act; or

(b) for the enforcement of any security taken or any agreement, whether by way of settlement of account or otherwise, made, after the commencement of this Act, in respect of any loan made either before or after the commencement of this Act; <sup>4</sup>[or

(c) for the redemption of any security given after the commencement of this Act in respect of any loan made either before or after the commencement of this Act].

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1855.

**3.** (1) Notwithstanding anything in the Usury Laws Repeal Act, Re-opening 1855, where, in any suit to which this Act applies, whether heard *ex parte* or otherwise, the Court has reason to believe,—

(a) that the interest is excessive; and

(b) that the transaction was, as between the parties thereto, substantially unfair,

the Court may exercise all or any of the following powers, namely, may,—

(i) re-open the transaction, take an account between the parties, and relieve the debtor of all liability in respect of any excessive interest;

(ii) notwithstanding any agreement, purporting to close previous dealings and to create a new obligation, re-open any account already taken between them and relieve the debtor of all liability in respect of any excessive interest, and if

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> For notification exempting all awards made by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Assam, or by arbitrations, see Assam Gazette, 1918, Pt. II, p. 966. For notification exempting transaction by way of borrowing or lending by Co-operative Societies in Madras, see Fort St. George Gazette, 1918, Pt. I, p. 1126.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the Usurious Loans (Amendment) Act, 1926 (28 of 1926), s. 2.

anything has been paid or allowed in account in respect of such liability, order the creditor to repay any sum which it considers to be repayable in respect thereof;

- (iii) set aside either wholly or in part or revise or alter any security given or agreement made in respect of any loan, and if the creditor has parted with the security, order him to indemnify the debtor in such manner and to such extent as it may deem just:

Provided that, in the exercise of these powers, the Court shall not—

- (i) re-open any agreement purporting to close previous dealings and to create a new obligation which has been entered into by the parties or any persons from whom they claim at a date more than <sup>1</sup>[twelve] years from the date of the transaction;
- (ii) do anything which affects any decree of a Court.

*Explanation.—*In the case of a suit brought on a series of transactions the expression “the transaction” means, for the purposes of proviso (i), the first of such transactions.

(2) (a) In this section “excessive” means in excess of that which the Court deems to be reasonable having regard to the risk incurred as it appeared, or must be taken to have appeared, to the creditor at the date of the loan.

(b) In considering whether interest is excessive under this section, the Court shall take into account any amounts charged or paid, whether in money or in kind, for expenses, inquiries, fines, bonuses, premia, renewals or any other charges, and if compound interest is charged, the periods at which it is calculated and the total advantage which may reasonably be taken to have been expected from the transaction.

(c) In considering the question of risk, the Court shall take into account the presence or absence of security and the value thereof, the financial condition of the debtor and the result of any previous transactions of the debtor, by way of loan, so far as the same were known, or must be taken to have been known, to the creditor.

(d) In considering whether a transaction was substantially unfair, the Court shall take into account all circumstances materially affecting the relations of the parties at the time of the loan or tending to show that the transaction was unfair, including the necessities or supposed necessities of the debtor at the time of the loan so far as the same were known, or must be taken to have been known, to the creditor.

*Explanation.—*Interest may of itself be sufficient evidence that the transaction was substantially unfair.

(3) This section shall apply to any suit, whatever its form may be, if such suit is substantially one for the recovery of a loan or for the

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Usurious Loans (Amendment) Act, 1926 (28 of 1926), s. 3, for “six”.

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enforcement of any agreement or security in respect of a loan <sup>1</sup>[or for the redemption of any such security].

(4) Nothing in this section shall affect the rights of any transferee for value who satisfies the Court that the transfer to him was *bond fide*, and that he had at the time of such transfer no notice of any fact which would have entitled the debtor as against the lender to relief under this section.

For the purposes of this sub-section, the word "notice" shall have the same meaning as is ascribed to it in section 4 of the Transfer of IV of 1882. Property Act, 1882.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as derogating from the existing powers or jurisdiction of any Court.

4. On any application relating to the admission or amount of a <sup>Insolvency</sup> proof of a loan in any insolvency proceedings, the Court may exercise proceedings. the like powers as may be exercised under section 3 by a Court in a suit to which this Act applies.

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THE INDIAN COMPANIES (FOREIGN INTERESTS)  
ACT, 1918.

Act No. XX of 1918.<sup>2</sup>

[26th September, 1918.]

An Act to take power to prohibit the alteration, except with the sanction of the Governor General in Council, of articles of association which restrict foreign interests in certain Companies, and to provide for other purposes connected therewith.

WHEREAS it is expedient to take power to prohibit the alteration, except with the sanction of the Governor General in Council, of articles of association which restrict foreign interests in certain companies, and to provide for other purposes connected therewith; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Indian Companies (Foreign Interests) Act, 1918. <sup>Short title.</sup>

2. (1) In this Act—

(a) the expression "British subject" has the same meaning as in section 27 of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, but shall include any person who holds a certificate of naturalization as a British subject granted under any

<sup>Definitions.</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Usurious Loans (Amendment) Act, 1926 (28 of 1926), s. 3.

<sup>2</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1918, Pt. V, p. 74; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1918, Pt. VI, pp. 955 and 1140.

<sup>1</sup>[Act of the Central Legislature] for the time being in force, and any association incorporated in any part of His Majesty's dominions: Provided that the said expression shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to apply to any subject of a State in India;

(b) the expression "restrictive provision" means any provision in the articles of association of a company which, in the opinion of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government], is designed to restrict or limit or has the effect of restricting or limiting the share or shares or interest which may be held, or the rights, powers or authority which may be conferred upon or exercised by or on behalf of persons other than British subjects in the company, or in respect of the control, management or direction of the affairs thereof.

(2) All words and expressions used in this Act and defined in the Indian Companies Act, 1913, shall be deemed to have the meanings <sup>VII of 1913.</sup> respectively attributed to them by that Act.

Application  
of Act.

3. This Act shall apply to such companies as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], declare to be companies with restrictive provisions, and any such notification shall specify the restrictive provisions.

Alterations  
in restrictive  
provisions  
and wind-  
ing up.

4. So long as a notification issued under section 3 is in force in respect of any company, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other Act—

- (1) no alteration of the articles of association of the company affecting either directly or indirectly any restrictive provision shall be of any effect until it has received the consent in writing of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government];
- (2) a resolution for the voluntary winding up of the company shall be of no effect unless the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] authorises or ratifies it by a written consent;
- (3) any Court which has jurisdiction to wind up the company may in its discretion refuse to make a winding up order. In the exercise of its discretion, the Court shall be guided by the consideration whether the winding up is *bondā fide* with a view to the discontinuance of the undertaking, or is with a view to continuing the undertaking freed either wholly or in part from any restrictive provision;
- (4) the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] in giving consent, or the Court in making a winding up order, as the case may be, may impose such terms or conditions for giving effect to the purposes of this Act as <sup>4</sup>[it] thinks fit.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Act of the G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he or it".

## THE BRONZE COIN (LEGAL TENDER) ACT, 1918.

Act No. XXII of 1918.<sup>1</sup>

[26th September, 1918.]

An Act to provide that certain bronze coins coined outside British India shall be legal tender in British India.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide that certain bronze coins coined outside British India shall be legal tender in British India; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Bronze Coin (Legal Tender) Act, Short title. 1918.

III of 1906. 2. (1) Where bronze coins of any of the denominations specified in section 8 of the Indian Coinage Act, 1906, are coined outside British India at the request of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government], and the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] is satisfied that such coins are in accordance with the requirements of section 9 and of any notification for the time being in force under section 10 of the said Act, <sup>3</sup>[it] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], direct the issue of any such coins, and thereafter any such coins shall be legal tender in payment or on account in the same way and to the same extent as if they were coins referred to in section 14 of the said Act, and the provisions of the said Act shall apply accordingly.

(2) Every coin which is declared to be legal tender by sub-section (1) shall be deemed to be Queen's coin within the meaning of section 230 of the Indian Penal Code.

Act XLV of 1860.

## THE COTTON CLOTH ACT, 1918.

Act No. XXIII of 1918.<sup>5</sup>

[26th September, 1918.]

An Act to take powers to provide for the cheap supply of cotton cloth to the poorer classes of the community.

WHEREAS it is expedient to take powers for the purpose of encouraging or maintaining the supply, at reasonable rates, to the poorer classes

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1918, Pt. V, p. 82; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1918, Pt. VI, pp. 1001 and 1140.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>5</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1918, Pt. V, p. 58; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1918, Pt. V, p. 77; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1918, Pt. VI, pp. 754, 953, 1000 and 1147.

of the community, of cotton cloth manufactured in this country; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**Short title.**

1. This Act may be called the Cotton Cloth Act, 1918.

**Definitions.**

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) "Controller" means a Controller appointed under this Act;
- (b) "cotton cloth" means cotton cloth manufactured in this country; and
- (c) "standard cloth" means any kind of cotton cloth which a Controller may, from time to time, declare to be standard cloth.

**Power to appoint Controllers.**

3. The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification<sup>2</sup> in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint one or more persons as <sup>4</sup>[it] may think fit to be Controllers for the purposes of this Act, and shall specify in any such notification the area in which any Controller so appointed shall exercise his powers.

**Powers of the Controller.**

4. (1) Whenever it appears to a Controller that such a course is necessary or expedient for the purpose of encouraging or maintaining the supply of standard cloth, at reasonable rates to the poorer classes of the community, he may (subject to this Act and the rules made thereunder and to the control of the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government]) make general or special orders regulating or giving directions within the area in which he is empowered, with respect to the manufacture, transport, distribution and sale or purchase of, or other dealings in, cotton cloth.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, orders may be made by a Controller—

- (a) declaring and defining the classes of standard cloth;
- (b) prescribing distinctive indications which shall be woven into, impressed or otherwise displayed upon, different classes of standard cloth;
- (c) requiring any person, who ordinarily manufactures cotton cloth, to manufacture, or provide for the manufacture of, standard cloth in such quantity, of such quality and by such date as the Controller may direct; and
- (d) fixing the prices to be paid to the manufacturer for standard cloth or for any particular class of standard cloth, and providing for the payment thereof on delivery:

Provided that in fixing prices the Controller shall have regard to the cost of production and to the allowance of a reasonable profit, without necessarily taking into consideration the market-price, and if the Controller is satisfied that the manufacturer has incurred actual loss arising

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> For a notification issued by the G. G. in C. under this section, see Gazette of India, 1918, Pt. I, p. 1558.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

out of forward contracts entered into before the commencement of this Act, and that such loss is immediately attributable to an order under this Act, he may take such loss into account:

Provided further that the Controller may fix different prices in the case of different localities or, if special reasons exist, in respect of different manufacturers in the same locality.

**5.** Where a Controller is appointed in exercise of the power conferred by section 3, the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] shall appoint a Committee consisting of such number of persons having knowledge of the cotton or cotton cloth trade as <sup>2</sup>[it] thinks fit to assist the Controller with their advice in the performance of his duties. Before a Controller issues any order declaring and defining the classes of standard cloth or fixing the prices to be paid to the manufacturer, he shall consult the Committee, and he may consult the Committee on any other matter connected with his duties :

Provided that, if the opinion of the majority of members of the Committee who are present at any meeting is adverse to the issue of any order, the Controller shall, if he does not accept the Committee's advice, refer the matter for the decision of the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government].

**6.** Where, by an order made in the exercise of powers conferred by section 4, the Controller has directed a manufacturer to manufacture, or provide for the manufacture of, standard cloth and has fixed the price therefor, the manufacturer shall deliver the same at such time and place and in such manner as the Controller may specify from time to time, and the Controller shall pay or cause to be paid to the manufacturer the said price, together with the freight, if any, actually paid by the manufacturer.

**7.** Subject to the control of the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government], a Controller may, from time to time by order in writing, delegate all or any of his powers subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed therein.

**8.** If any person acts in contravention of, or without reasonable cause, fails to comply with, the provisions of any order made under section 4, or counterfeits upon any cloth a distinctive indication prescribed by the Controller, such person shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months, or with fine or with both.

**9. (1)** The <sup>3</sup>[Provincial Government] shall, if standard cloth is sold in the Province, by order in writing which shall be notified in the

Power to fix  
prices of  
standard  
cloth.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he";

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>1</sup>[Official Gazette], fix the price at which alone standard cloth or any class of standard cloth shall be sold to the public.

(2) Orders may be made fixing different prices for different localities or for different methods of sale.

(3) Every such order shall be published in such manner as the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may consider to be best adapted for bringing the prices so fixed to the notice of the poorer classes.

Limitation  
of sale of  
standard  
cloth.

**10.** (1) No person shall sell or keep, offer or expose for sale to the public, standard cloth otherwise than at such price as may be fixed by the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence issued in this behalf.

(2) If any person contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1), he shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months, or with fine or with both.

Grant of  
licences for  
sale of  
standard  
cloth.

**11.** A licence for the sale of standard cloth shall be granted by such authority, in such form and subject to such conditions as the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may prescribe by rules made under this Act.

Rule-mak-  
ing power.

**12.** (1) The <sup>3</sup>[Provincial Government] may make rules—

(a) prescribing the powers and duties of the Controller,

(b) prescribing the manner in which the Controller's orders shall be published or served, as the case may be, and

(c) generally giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

(2) The <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] shall, if standard cloth is sold in the Province, make rules prescribing the authority by which, the form in which and the conditions under which, any licence or class of licences for the sale of standard cloth shall be granted.

(3) Rules made under this Act shall be published in <sup>4\*</sup>the <sup>1</sup>[Official Gazette], <sup>5\*</sup> \* \* and on such publication shall have effect as if enacted in this Act.

Protection  
for acts done  
under the  
Act.

**13.** No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.

Powers of  
Act to be  
cumulative.

**14.** All powers given by this Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other powers conferred by or under any enactment, and all such powers may be exercised in the same manner and by the same authority as if this Act had not been made.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> The words "the Gazette of India or" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>5</sup> The words "as the case may be" rep. by the A. O.

**THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSIONS AND  
GRATUITIES ACT, 1919.**

Act No. I of 1919.<sup>1</sup>

[26th February, 1919.]

An Act to extend the powers of local authorities in regard to the granting of pensions and gratuities.

WHEREAS it is expedient to extend the powers of local authorities in regard to the granting of pensions and gratuities; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**1.** (1) This Act may be called the Local Authorities Pensions and Short title and extent. Gratuities Act, 1919.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India, including the Sonthal Parganas.

**2.** In this Act “officer” means any person who has undertaken Definition. <sup>2</sup>[service under the Crown] and who immediately prior to undertaking such service, was paid and employed solely by a local authority and, but for undertaking such service, would in the ordinary course have continued in such employment; <sup>3</sup>[and the “appropriate Government” means, in relation to cantonment authorities and port authorities in major ports, the Central Government, and in relation to other authorities, the Provincial Government].

**3.** Notwithstanding anything contained in any enactment or in any Power to rule made thereunder regulating the powers of local authorities, and grant without prejudice to any powers conferred by or under any such enactment, a local authority may grant a pension or gratuity to any officer <sup>4</sup>pensions and gratuities. thereof who may, since the 4th day of August, 1914, have been wounded or otherwise incapacitated in <sup>2</sup>[service under the Crown], and to the widow or child of any such officer who may have died in consequence of injuries received or illness contracted since the 4th day of August, 1914, in the course of such service.

**4.** (1) Such pension or gratuity may be granted in addition to any Provision as: pension or gratuity payable to the officer or his wife or child, as the <sup>to pensions</sup> and case may be, under any general or special orders of His Majesty in <sup>and</sup> gratuities. Council or of <sup>4</sup>[the Central Government or any Provincial Government], but shall not, save with the sanction of the <sup>5</sup>[appropriate Government].

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1919, Pt. V, p. 18; and for Proceedings in Council see *ibid.*, 1919, Pt. VI, pp. 144, 145 and 197.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “the service of Govt.”

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “the G. G. in C.”

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words “L. G.” which had been subs. for the words “G. G. in C.” by the Devolution Act, 1920 (38 of 1920), s. 2 and Sch. I.

exceed the amount of the pension or gratuity to which the officer or his wife or child would have been entitled under any such orders if his employment by the local authority had been service for the same time and on the same pay <sup>1</sup>[under the Crown.]

(2) Any pension granted under this Act may be made to take effect from such date subsequent to the 4th day of August, 1914, and subject to such conditions as the local authority may think fit.

**Procedure.**

5. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the decision of a local authority to grant a pension or gratuity thereunder shall be made in such manner and shall be subject to such sanction as may be prescribed by any enactment or rule regulating the grant by such local authority of pensions and gratuities:

Provided that in every case the sanction of the <sup>2</sup>[appropriate Government] shall be necessary.

**THE PUNJAB COURTS (SUPPLEMENTING) ACT, 1919.**

**Act No. IX of 1919.<sup>3</sup>**

[19th March, 1919.]

**An Act to supplement the Punjab Courts Act, 1918.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to supplement the Punjab Courts Act, <sup>Punj. Act,  
VI of 1918.</sup> 1918; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**Short title  
and com-  
mencement.**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Courts (Supplementing) Act, 1919.

(2) It shall come into force on such date<sup>4</sup> as may be notified by the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf.

**Provisions  
regarding  
proceedings  
pending in  
the Chief  
Court of the  
Punjab.**

2. All suits, appeals, revisions, applications, reviews, executions and other proceedings whatsoever, whether civil or criminal, pending in the Chief Court of the Punjab, shall be continued and concluded in the High Court of Judicature at Lahore as if the same had been instituted in such High Court; and the High Court of Judicature at Lahore shall exercise the same jurisdiction in relation to all such proceedings as if the same had been instituted and continued in such High Court.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "under Govt."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1919, Pt. V, p. 65; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1919, Pt. VI, p. 827.

<sup>4</sup> The 1st April, 1919, see Gazette of India, 1919, Pt. I, p. 710.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

## THE POISONS ACT, 1919.

Act No. XII of 1919.<sup>1</sup>

[3rd September, 1919.]

An Act to consolidate and amend the law regulating the importation, possession and sale of poisons throughout British India.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law regulating the importation, possession and sale of poisons throughout British India; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**1.** (1) This Act may be called the Poisons Act, 1919.

Short title  
and extent.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan and the Sonthal Parganas.

**2.** (1) <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* \* \* The <sup>3</sup>[Provincial Government] may by rule<sup>4</sup> regulate within the whole or any part of the territories under its administration the possession for sale and the sale, whether wholesale or retail, of any specified poison.

Power of the  
Provincial  
Government  
to regulate  
possession  
for sale and  
sale of any  
poison.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for—

- (a) the grant of licences to possess any specified poison for sale, wholesale or retail, and the fixing of the fee (if any) to be charged for such licences;
- (b) the classes of persons to whom alone such licences may be granted;
- (c) the classes of persons to whom alone any such poison may be sold;
- (d) the maximum quantity of any such poison which may be sold to any one person;
- (e) the maintenance by vendors of any such poison of registers of sales, the particulars to be entered in such registers, and the inspection of the same;
- (f) the safe custody of such poisons and the labelling of the vessels, packages or coverings in which any such poison is sold or possessed for sale; and
- (g) the inspection and examination of any such poison when possessed for sale by any such vendor.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1919, Pt. V, p. 22, and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1919, Pt. VI, pp. 170 and 872.

<sup>2</sup> The words "Subject to the control of the G. G. in C." rep. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>4</sup> For such rules for Madras, see Madras Rules and Orders, 1923, Vol. I, Pt. II, p. 287; for Assam, see Assam Gazette, 1921, Pt. II, p. 530; for Delhi, see Gazette of India, 1926, Pt. IIA, p. 481 and *ibid.*, 1928, Pt. IIA, p. 61.

Power to prohibit importation into British India of any poison except under licence.

Power to regulate possession of any poison in certain areas.

Presumption as to specified poisons.

Penalty for unlawful importation, etc.

**3.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], prohibit, except under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence, the importation into British India <sup>3</sup>[across any customs frontier<sup>4</sup> defined by the Central Government] of any specified poison, and may by rule regulate the grant of licences.

**4. (1)** The <sup>5</sup>[Provincial Government] <sup>6\*</sup> \* \* \* may by rule regulate the possession of any specified poison in any local area in which the use of such poison for the purpose of committing murder or mischief by poisoning cattle appears to it to be of such frequent occurrence as to render restrictions on the possession thereof desirable.

**(2)** In making any rule under sub-section (1), the <sup>5</sup>[Provincial Government] may direct that any breach thereof shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both, together with confiscation of the poison in respect of which the breach has been committed, and of the vessels, packages or coverings in which the same is found.

**5.** Any substance specified as a poison in a rule made or notification issued under this Act shall be deemed to be a poison for the purposes of this Act.

**6. (1)** Whoever—  
 (a) commits a breach of any rule made under section 2, or  
 (b) imports <sup>7\*</sup> \* \* without a licence <sup>3</sup>[into British India across a customs frontier<sup>4</sup> defined by the Central Government] any poison the importation of which is for the time being restricted under section 3, or  
 (c) breaks any condition of a licence for the importation of any poison granted to him under section 3,  
 shall be punishable,—

- (i) on a first conviction, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both, and
- (ii) on a second or subsequent conviction, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>4</sup> For definition of the customs frontiers of British India, see Gazette of India, Extraordinary, dated 1st April, 1937, p. 493.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>6</sup> The words "subject to the control of the G. G. in C.", were rep. by the A. O. The words "subject to the control" had been subs. for the words "with the previous sanction" by the Devolution Act, 1920 (38 of 1920), s. 2 and Sch. I.

<sup>7</sup> The words "into British India" rep. by the A. O.

(2) Any poison in respect of which an offence has been committed under this section, together with the vessels, packages or coverings in which the same is found, shall be liable to confiscation.

7. (1) The District Magistrate, the Sub-divisional Magistrate and, in a Presidency-town, the Commissioner of Police, may issue a warrant for the search of any place in which he has reason to believe or to suspect that any poison is possessed or sold in contravention of this Act or any rule thereunder, or that any poison liable to confiscation under this Act is kept or concealed.

(2) The person to whom the warrant is directed may enter and search the place in accordance therewith, and the provisions of the <sup>V of 1898.</sup> Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, relating to search-warrants shall, as far as may be, be deemed to apply to the execution of the warrant.

8. (1) In addition to any other power to make rules hereinbefore conferred <sup>1\*</sup> \* \* the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may make rules generally to carry out the purposes and objects of this Act <sup>3</sup>[except section 3].

(2) Every power to make rules conferred by this Act shall be subject to the condition of the rules being made after previous publication.

(3) All rules made by the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] or by the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] under this Act shall be published in the <sup>5</sup>[Official Gazette] and on such publication shall have effect as if enacted in this Act.

9. (1) Nothing in this Act or in any licence granted or rule made <sup>Savings.</sup> thereunder shall extend to, or interfere with, anything done in good faith in the exercise of his profession as such by a medical or veterinary practitioner.

(2) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may <sup>6\*</sup> \* \* \* by general or special order declare that all or any of the provisions of this Act <sup>3</sup>[except section 3] shall be deemed not to apply to any article or class of articles of commerce specified in such order, or to any poison or class of poisons used for any purpose so specified.

(3) The authority on which any power to make rules under this Act is conferred may, by general or special order, either wholly or partially—

(a) exempt from the operation of any such rules, or

<sup>1</sup> The words "and subject to the control of the G. G. in C." were rep. by the A. O. The word "and" had been subs. for the words "the G. G. in C. or" by the Devolution Act, 1920 (38 of 1920), s. 2 and Sch. I.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by para. 4 of the A. O. for "Gazette of India or the local official Gazette, as the case may be". Strictly the substitution would read "Official Gazette or the Official Gazette, as the case may be" but the last nine words have been omitted as being obviously redundant.

<sup>6</sup> The words "in its discretion" rep. by the A. O.

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(b) exclude from the scope of the exemption provided by sub-section (1),

any person or class of persons either generally or in respect of any poisons specified in the order.

10. [Repeal of Act I of 1904.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927).

## THE CALCUTTA HIGH COURT (JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS) ACT, 1919.

ACT NO. XV OF 1919.<sup>1</sup>

[17th September, 1919.]

An Act to declare and prescribe the limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal.

WHEREAS clause 11 of the Letters Patent for the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal, dated the 28th December, 1865, provides that the said High Court shall have and exercise ordinary original civil jurisdiction within such local limits as may from time to time be declared and prescribed by any law made by competent legislative authority for India;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient so to declare and prescribe the local limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of the said High Court;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be called the Calcutta High Court (Jurisdictional Limits) Act, 1919.

Limits of  
ordinary  
original  
civil jurisdic-  
tion.

2. The ordinary original civil jurisdiction of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal shall be exercised within the limits set out in the Schedule:

Provided that nothing in this Act shall affect any suit or other legal proceeding pending in any Court at the date of the commencement of this Act.

### THE SCHEDULE.

(See section 2.)

1. The limits within which the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of the High Court shall be exercised are as follows:—

*North.*—A line commencing on the western side of the river Hooghly at a point where the straight line joining reference pillar No. I (in a

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<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1919, Part V, p. 74; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, Part VI, pp. 876 and 1101.

compound on the river side of the Ghusri Cotton Mill, Howrah) and reference pillar No. II (near the south-western end of Chitpur Toll Bridge) meets the western water-line of the river Hooghly, and thence along the said line to the point where it meets the eastern water-line of the river Hooghly near the south bank of the opening of Circular Canal; thence along the water-line of the south bank of Circular Canal passing under the Chitpur Toll Bridge, the Chitpur or Baghbazar Bridge to boundary pillar A on the eastern side of the southern pile of Barrackpore Bridge.

*East.*—A line commencing from the said boundary pillar A following the eastern edge of the steps of the bridge to a point near the south-eastern corner of the immediate approach to the bridge marked by reference pillar III, which is on the boundary; thence by a straight line to boundary pillar B on the south-eastern corner of the junction of Cornwallis Street and Galif Street (now marked with a Public Works Department stone); thence along the eastern side and the eastern side of the eastern pavement of Cornwallis Street in a series of regular links joining points marked by posts 1-3 to boundary pillar C at the north corner of the junction of Shambazar Street with Cornwallis Street; thence by a straight line to boundary pillar D on the solid south corner of the said junction; thence in an approximately straight line along the solid eastern side of Upper Circular Road marked by posts 4-9; thence eastward following the corner round to boundary pillar E on the north corner of the junction of the unnamed road (which runs into Jadu Nath Mitra Lane) with Upper Circular Road; and thence by a straight line to boundary pillar F at the solid south corner of the junction of Jadu Nath Mitra Lane with Upper Circular Road; thence by posts 10-13 to boundary pillar G on the solid south corner of the junction of Ultadingi Road with Upper Circular Road; thence along the solid south side of Ultadingi Road in a series of continuous and approximately straight lines joining points marked by posts 14-16 to boundary pillar H at the solid western corner of the junction of Ultadingi Road and Gauribere Lane; thence by the solid western side of Gauribere Lane marked by posts 17-21; thence by a straight line crossing the road diagonally to boundary pillar I on the solid south-eastern corner of the junction of Gauribere Lane and Ultadingi Junction Lane; thence along the solid eastern side of Ultadingi Junction Lane marked by posts 22-24 to boundary pillar J on the solid eastern corner of the junction of Ultadingi Junction Lane with Halsibagan Road; thence by a straight line to posts 25 at the solid western corner of the said junction; thence along the solid north side of Halsibagan Road marked by post 26 to boundary pillar K on the north side of Halsibagan Road directly opposite the solid eastern side of Upper Circular Road south of it; thence by a straight line to post 27 at the solid south corner of the junction of Halsibagan Road with

Upper Circular Road; thence by the solid eastern side of Upper Circular Road marked by posts 28-34 to post 35; thence turning east to boundary pillar L on the north side of Maniktola Road; thence by a straight line to post 36 at the south corner of the junction of Maniktola Road with Upper Circular Road at the north-western corner of the garden of Kali Pada Barik; thence along the eastern side of the lane on the eastern side of the raised platform road and marked by posts 37-49 to boundary pillar M at the solid north corner of the junction of Gas Street and Upper Circular Road; thence by a straight line to boundary pillar N at the solid south corner of the said junction; thence keeping again to the eastern side of the lane on the eastern side of the raised platform road along a line marked by posts 50-61 excluding the recently made Ladies' Park to boundary pillar O near the north pillar of the north entrance to North Station, Sealdah; thence by a straight line to boundary pillar P at the south corner of that entrance; thence by the comparatively straight lines from pillar to pillar connecting boundary pillars P, Q, R, S, and T adjacent to the pillars forming the corners of the various approaches to Sealdah Station; thence along the solid eastern side of Lower Circular Road marked by posts 62-64 to pillar 65; thence turning west to boundary pillar U at the north-western corner of the out-patients' department of the Campbell Hospital; thence by a straight line marked by posts 66-68 to boundary pillar V on the corner of the platform to the right of the north entrance to the Calcutta Corporation Central Stores; thence by post 69 turning east to post 70; thence by posts 71-76, boundary pillars W and X at the solid corners of the southern junction of Police Hospital Road with Lower Circular Road; thence by posts 77-80, to boundary pillars Y and Z on the solid corners of the junction of Beniapukur Lane with Lower Circular Road, by posts 81-86 to boundary pillars A<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>1</sub>, at the solid corners of the junction of Nonapukur or Bijli Road and Lower Circular Road, posts 87, 88, to boundary pillar C<sub>1</sub>, near the south-western corner of the Circular Road burial ground; thence by a straight line to boundary pillar D<sub>1</sub>, on the other side of the tramway lines; thence post 89 eastward to post 90; thence to boundary pillars E<sub>1</sub>, and F<sub>1</sub>, at the solid corners of the junction of Karaya Bazar Road and Lower Circular Road, posts 91, 92 to boundary pillar G<sub>1</sub>, opposite to Theatre Road, posts 93, 94, to boundary pillar H<sub>1</sub>, a few feet south of the point directly opposite the junction of Auckland Place and Lower Circular Road, and following the curve of the road by posts 95 and 96 to reference pillar IV (which is on the boundary) on the eastern side of the junction of Beck Bagan Lane with Lower Circular Road.

*South.*—A line commencing from the said reference pillar IV in a straight line to boundary pillar I<sub>1</sub>, on the western corner of the junction of Beck Bagan Lane with Lower Circular Road; thence along the solid south side of Lower Circular Road to boundary pillar J<sub>1</sub>, and K<sub>1</sub>, at the solid

corners of the junction of Ballyganj Circular Road and Lower Circular Road; thence by the solid south side of Lower Circular Road marked by posts 97, 98, boundary pillars L<sub>1</sub>, M<sub>1</sub> at the solid corners of the junction of Lansdowne Road with Lower Circular Road, post 99 southward to post 100 westward to post 101, northward to post 102 and westward to post 103, boundary pillars N<sub>1</sub> and O<sub>1</sub> at the solid corners of the junction of Woodburn Road with Lower Circular Road, posts 104, 105, boundary Pillars P<sub>1</sub> and Q<sub>1</sub> at the solid corners of the junction of Lee Road with Lower Circular Road; thence by the straight line links but broken boundary line formed by posts 106-113, to boundary pillar R<sub>1</sub> on the south-eastern corner of the junction of Chowringhee with Lower Circular Road; thence by an oblique straight line to boundary pillar S<sub>1</sub> on the south-western corner of the said junction (near a stone marked F. W. B.-26); thence by a line representing the present limits of the holdings on the south of Circular Road and marked by posts 114-116, boundary pillars T<sub>1</sub> and U<sub>1</sub> at the solid corners of the junction of Haris Chandra Mukharji Road and Lower Circular Road, posts 117-121; thence to boundary pillar V<sub>1</sub>, near the north corner of the junction of Bhowanipore Road and Lower Circular Road; thence following the curve of the corner and the eastern side of Bhowanipore Road and the surplus lands attached thereto by a series of straight line links joining points marked by posts 122-124, boundary pillars W<sub>1</sub>, and X<sub>1</sub>, at the junction of Shambhunath Pandit Street and Bhowanipore Road, posts 125-128 turning eastward to boundary pillar Y<sub>1</sub> on the north side of Sankaripara Road, posts 129, 130 to boundary pillars Z<sub>1</sub> and A<sub>2</sub> across the entrance of Ketrabati Road into Bhowanipore Road; thence by posts 131, 132 to boundary pillar B<sub>2</sub> on the north-eastern side of Alipore Bridge; thence along a straight line joining the said boundary pillar B<sub>2</sub> with subsidiary reference pillar VII on the south-eastern side of the said bridge to a point where that straight line meets the water-line of Tolly's Nala; thence along the water-line of Tolly's Nala to the north-eastern corner of the District Magistrate's compound, near which is boundary pillar C<sub>2</sub>; thence along the irregular northern boundary of the Magistrate's compound marked by posts 133-141 to boundary pillar D<sub>2</sub> at the south corner of the entrance to the Civil Surgeon's house from Thackeray Road; thence southward along the western boundary of the Magistrate's compound by posts 142-145 and along the southern boundary of that compound marked by posts 147, 148 to boundary pillar E<sub>2</sub> on the bank of Tolly's Nala; thence continuing the straight line from post 148 to boundary pillar E<sub>2</sub> till it meets the water-line of Tolly's Nala; thence along the water-line of Tolly's Nala to a point in a direct line with the north side of the masonry drain running outside the Jail Garden near which is boundary pillar F<sub>2</sub>; thence along the north side of the said drain in a straight line across Mottee Jheel to post 149 against the boundary of the compound of the Magistrate's Court; thence

northward along that boundary to post 150 and westward to post 151 and northward again along the boundary of the Army Clothing Agency to post 152; thence westward on the south side of the lane to boundary pillar G<sub>2</sub> at the north-western corner of the Police Hospital compound; thence along the wall of the Alipore Central Jail facing Belvedere Road and marked by pillars 153-157 to the north-western corner of the junction of Belvedere Road and Jail Lane following the corner eastward to post 158 and continuing along the south side of Jail Lane to post 159; thence by a straight line to boundary pillar H<sub>2</sub> at the acute corner of the junction of Reformatory Street with Jail Lane; thence to boundary pillar I<sub>2</sub> on the north-western side of Alipore Bridge; thence to boundary pillar J<sub>2</sub> on the north-eastern side of the said bridge; thence by the solid south-western and western side of Bhowanipore Road marked by posts 160-167; thence following the western corner of the junction of Bhowanipore Road and Lower Circular Road to boundary pillar K<sub>2</sub>; thence along the solid south side of Lower Circular Road following the Sweep of the railings and marked by posts 168-172 to boundary pillar L<sub>2</sub> on Lower Circular Road and east of its junction with Belvedere Road; thence following the natural bends of the corner marked by posts 173 and 174 to boundary pillar M<sub>2</sub> on the eastern side of Belvedere Road; thence along the eastern side of Belvedere Road now indicated by wooden railings and marked by post 175 to boundary pillar N<sub>2</sub> on the north-eastern side of Zeerut Bridge; thence along the railings of the footpath on the eastern side of the bridge to boundary pillar O<sub>2</sub> near its south-eastern end; thence along a bent line following the shape of the bridge and marked by posts 176, 177 to post 178 on the eastern side of the south extremity of the immediate approach to the bridge; thence by a straight line to boundary pillar P<sub>2</sub> on the western side of the said extremity; thence turning north along the railings of the footpath on the western side of the bridge; till it meets the water-line underneath the bridge, thence along the water-line of the south or Alipore bank of Tolly's Nala trending northwards under Hastings Bridge, to a point where a straight line joining reference pillar V (near the south-western end of Hastings Bridge), to reference pillar VI (on the Howrah side of the river in a line with the northern wall of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway Goods Yard) meets the water-line of the south bank of the bend of the Hooghly River, near the western side of the opening of Tolly's Nala; thence continuing the said straight line till that said straight line meets the water-line of the Howrah side of the river Hooghly.

*West.*—A line commencing from the point last defined along the water-line of the Howrah side of the River Hooghly to the western extremity of the northern boundary.

**2. (a)** When the expression “water-line” is used in this Schedule all *pucca ghâts* and other objects permanently attached to the bank and in contact with the water shall be deemed to appertain to the area to

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which the land on that bank appertains, and the water in contact with such objects shall be deemed to appertain to the other side of the boundary. In the places in the Schedule where the boundary is thus described the boundary line shall be the moving edge of the water wherever it may be at any time. In the case of bridges, however, the supporting pile in contact with the bank only shall be deemed to be permanently attached to the bank and the boundary line across the bridge to be immediately above the water-line so described.

(b) The expression "solid side" or "solid corner" means the line or spot marked out by solid objects, such as a *pucca* wall or the face of a house, the wayside lands and pavements thus being all included in the adjacent road, street or lane.

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THE UNITED PROVINCES TOWN IMPROVEMENT  
(APPEALS) ACT, 1920.

Act No. III of 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[11th February, 1920.]

An Act to modify certain provisions of the United Provinces Town Improvement Act, 1919.

WHEREAS it is expedient to modify the provisions of the United Provinces Town Improvement Act, 1919, so as to provide in certain cases for an appeal to the High Court from the awards of the Tribunal constituted under that Act; it is hereby enacted as follows:—

**1.** This Act may be called the United Provinces Town Improvement (Appeals) Act, 1920. Short title.

**2.** In this Act—

Definitions.

(1) "High Court" means, in Agra, the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, and in Oudh, the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Oudh<sup>2</sup>; and

(2) "Tribunal" has the same meaning as in the United Provinces Town Improvement Act, 1919.

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**3.** (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the United Provinces Town Improvement Act, 1919, and subject to the provisions of sub-section (2), an appeal shall lie to the High Court in any of the following cases, namely:—

(a) where the decision is that of the President of the Tribunal sitting alone in pursuance of clause (b) of section 64 of the said Act;

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 6 and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 17 and 82.

<sup>2</sup> This reference should now be read as a reference to the Chief Court of Oudh.

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- (b) where the decision is that of the Tribunal, and—  
(i) the President of the Tribunal grants a certificate that  
the case is a fit one for appeal, or  
(ii) the High Court grants special leave to appeal:

Provided that the High Court shall not grant such special leave unless the President has refused to grant a certificate under sub-clause (i) and the amount in dispute is not less than five thousand rupees.

(2) An appeal under clause (b) of sub-section (1) shall only lie on one or more of the following grounds, namely:—

- (i) the decision being contrary to law or to some usage having the force of law;  
(ii) the decision having failed to determine some material issue of law or usage having the force of law;  
(iii) a substantial error or defect in the procedure provided by the said Act which may possibly have produced error or defect in the decision of the case upon the merits.

Procedure in such appeals. 4. Subject to the provisions of section 3, the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, with respect to appeals from original decrees V of 1908. shall, so far as may be, apply to appeals under this Act.

Execution of orders of High Court. 5. Every order passed by the High Court on appeal under this Act shall be enforced, on application, by a Court of Small Causes within the local limits of whose jurisdiction the award or order appealed against was made, as if it were a decree of that Court.

Period of limitation for such appeals. 6. An appeal under section 3 shall be deemed to be an appeal under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, within the meaning of Article 156 V of 1908. of the First Schedule to the Indian Limitation Act, 1908. IX of 1908.

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ACT NO. V OF 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[25th February, 1920.]

An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Insolvency in British India, as administered by Courts having jurisdiction outside the Presidency-towns and the Town of <sup>2</sup>[Karachi].

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to insolvency in British India, as administered by Courts having jurisdiction outside the Presidency-towns and the <sup>3</sup>[town of Karachi]; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**Short title and extent.**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Provincial Insolvency Act, 1920.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India, except the Scheduled Districts.<sup>4</sup>

**Definitions.**

2. (1) In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “creditor” includes a decree-holder, “debt” includes a judgment-debt, and “debtor” includes a judgment-debtor;

(b) “District Court” means the principal Civil Court of original jurisdiction in any area outside the local limits for the time being of the Presidency-towns <sup>5</sup>[<sup>6\*</sup> \* \* \*] and the limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind as defined in section 2 of the Presidency-towns Insolvency Act, 1909];

III of 1909.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1918, Pt. V, p. 63; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1919, Pt. V, p. 119, and *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. V, p. 9; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1918, Pt. VI, pp. 761 and 1322, and *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 15 and 389.

This Act has been amended in the Punjab by Punjab Act 7 of 1934, in the Taluka of Karachi by Bombay Act 3 of 1935, and in the Central Provinces by C. P. Act 2 of 1936.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Rangoon”.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words “towns of Rangoon and Karachi” which had been subs. by the Insolvency (Amendment) Act, 1926 (9 of 1926), s. 11, for the words “town of Rangoon”.

<sup>4</sup> This Act has been extended by notification under s. 5 of the Scheduled Districts Act, 1874 (14 of 1874), to—

Sind—see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. I, p. 2052;

Coorg—see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. II, p. 1333;

Scheduled Districts in the N.-W. F. P.—see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. II, p. 910;

District of Darjeeling—see Calcutta Gazette, 1921, Pt. I, p. 288;

British Baluchistan—see Baluchistan local R. and O., Pt. II, p. 244;

Districts of Cachar (excluding the North Cachar Hills), Sylhet, Goalpara, Kamrup, Darrang, Nowgong (excluding the Nowgong Mikir Hills Tract), Sibsagar (excluding the Sibsagar Mikir Hills Tract) and Lakhimpur (excluding the Lakhimpur Frontier Tract)—see Assam Gazette, 1920, Pt. II, p. 2511.

Andaman Islands (subject to modifications)—see Gazette of India, 1936, Pt. I, p. 234.

It has also been declared to be in force in Panth Piploda by the Panth Piploda Laws Regulation, 1929 (1 of 1929), s. 2.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by Act 9 of 1926, s. 11, for “and of the town of Rangoon”.

<sup>6</sup> The words “the town of Rangoon” rep. by the A. O.

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- (c) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- (d) "property" includes any property over which or the profits of which any person has a disposing power which he may exercise for his own benefit;
- (e) "secured creditor" means a person holding a mortgage, charge or lien on the property of the debtor or any part thereof as a security for a debt due to him from the debtor; and
- (f) "transfer of property" includes a transfer of any interest in property and the creation of any charge upon property.

**V of 1908.** (2) Words and expressions used in this Act and defined in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, and not hereinbefore defined shall have the same meanings as those respectively attributed to them by the said Code.

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PART I.

## CONSTITUTION AND POWERS OF COURT.

3. (1) The District Courts shall be the Courts having jurisdiction Insolvency jurisdiction under this Act:

Provided that the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], invest any Court subordinate to a District Court with jurisdiction in any class of cases, and any Court so invested shall within the local limits of its jurisdiction have concurrent jurisdiction with the District Court under this Act.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, a Court of Small Causes shall be deemed to be subordinate to the District Court.

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Court shall have full power to decide all questions whether of title or priority, or of any nature whatsoever, and whether involving matters of law or of fact, which may arise in any case of insolvency coming within the cognizance of the Court, or which the Court may deem it expedient or necessary to decide for the purpose of doing complete justice or making a complete distribution of property in any such case.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, every such decision shall be final and binding for all purposes as between, on the one hand, the debtor and the debtor's estate and, on the other hand, all claimants against him or it and all persons claiming through or under them or any of them.

(3) Where the Court does not deem it expedient or necessary to decide any question of the nature referred to in sub-section (1), but has

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

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reason to believe that the debtor has a saleable interest in any property, the Court may without further inquiry sell such interest in such manner and subject to such conditions as it may think fit.

General powers of Courts.

5. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Court, in regard to proceedings under this Act, shall have the same powers and shall follow the same procedure as it has and follows in the exercise of original civil jurisdiction.

(2) Subject as aforesaid, High Courts and District Courts, in regard to proceedings under this Act in Courts subordinate to them, shall have the same powers and shall follow the same procedure as they respectively have and follow in regard to civil suits.

## PART II.

### PROCEEDINGS FROM ACT OF INSOLVENCY TO DISCHARGE.

#### *Acts of Insolvency.*

Acts of insolvency: 6. A debtor commits an act of insolvency in each of the following cases, namely:—

- (a) if, in British India or elsewhere, he makes a transfer of all or substantially all his property to a third person for the benefit of his creditors generally;
- (b) if, in British India or elsewhere, he makes a transfer of his property or of any part thereof with intent to defeat or delay his creditors;
- (c) if, in British India or elsewhere, he makes any transfer of his property, or of any part thereof, which would, under this or any other enactment for the time being in force, be void as a fraudulent preference if he were adjudged an insolvent;
- (d) if, with intent to defeat or delay his creditors,—
  - (i) he departs or remains out of British India,
  - (ii) he departs from his dwelling-house or usual place of business or otherwise absents himself,
  - (iii) he secludes himself so as to deprive his creditors of the means of communicating with him;
- (e) if any of his property has been sold in execution of the decree of any Court for the payment of money;
- (f) if he petitions to be adjudged an insolvent under the provisions of this Act;
- (g) if he gives notice to any of his creditors that he has suspended, or that he is about to suspend, payment of his debts; or

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(h) if he is imprisoned in execution of the decree of any Court for the payment of money.

*Explanation.*—For the purposes of this section the act of an agent may be the act of the principal.

*Petition.*

7. Subject to the conditions specified in this Act, if a debtor commits Petition and an act of insolvency, an insolvency petition may be presented either by a creditor or by the debtor, and the Court may on such petition make an order (hereinafter called an order of adjudication) adjudging him an insolvent.

*Explanation.*—The presentation of a petition by the debtor shall be deemed an act of insolvency within the meaning of this section, and on such petition the Court may make an order of adjudication.

8. No insolvency petition shall be presented against any corporation or against any association or company registered under any enactment for the time being in force.

9. (1) A creditor shall not be entitled to present an insolvency petition against a debtor unless—

(a) the debt owing by the debtor to the creditor, or, if two or more creditors join in the petition, the aggregate amount of debts owing to such creditors, amounts to five hundred rupees, and

(b) the debt is a liquidated sum payable either immediately or at some certain future time, and

(c) the act of insolvency on which the petition is grounded has occurred within three months before the presentation of the petition.

(2) If the petitioning creditor is a secured creditor, he shall in his petition either state that he is willing to relinquish his security for the benefit of the creditors in the event of the debtor being adjudged insolvent, or give an estimate of the value of the security. In the latter case, he may be admitted as a petitioning creditor to the extent of the balance of the debt due to him after deducting the value so estimated in the same way as if he were an unsecured creditor.

10. (1) A debtor shall not be entitled to present an insolvency petition, unless he is unable to pay his debts and—

(a) his debts amount to <sup>1</sup>five hundred rupees; or<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In the C. P., read "two hundred rupees", see the Provincial Insolvency (C. P. Amendment) Act, 1936 (C. P. 2 of 1936), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> In its application to the Punjab, a new clause (aa) has been ins. here by the Punjab Relief of Indebtedness Act, 1934 (Punjab 7 of 1934), s. 3.

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(b) he is under arrest or imprisonment in execution of the decree of any Court for the payment of money; or

(c) an order of attachment in execution of such a decree has been made, and is subsisting, against his property.

(2) A debtor in respect of whom an order of adjudication <sup>1</sup>[whether made under the Presidency-towns Insolvency Act, 1909, or under this III of 1909. Act] has been annulled, owing to his failure to apply, or to prosecute an application for his discharge, shall not be entitled to present an insolvency petition without the leave of the Court by which the order of adjudication was annulled. Such Court shall not grant leave unless it is satisfied either that the debtor was prevented by any reasonable cause from presenting or prosecuting his application, as the case may be, or that the petition is founded on facts substantially different from those contained in the petition on which the order of adjudication was made.

Court to  
which peti-  
tion shall be  
presented.

**11.** Every insolvency petition shall be presented to a Court having jurisdiction under this Act in any local area in which the debtor ordinarily resides or carries on business, or personally works for gain, or if he has been arrested or imprisoned, where he is in custody:

Provided that no objection as to the place of presentment shall be allowed by any Court in the exercise of appellate or revisional jurisdiction unless such objection was taken in the Court by which the petition was heard at the earliest possible opportunity, and unless there has been a consequent failure of justice.

Verification  
of petition.

**12.** Every insolvency petition shall be in writing and shall be signed and verified in the manner prescribed by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for signing and verifying plaints.

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petition.

**13. (1)** Every insolvency petition presented by a debtor shall contain the following particulars, namely:—

(a) a statement that the debtor is unable to pay his debts;

(b) the place where he ordinarily resides or carries on business or personally works for gain, or, if he has been arrested or imprisoned, the place where he is in custody;

(c) the Court (if any) by whose order he has been arrested or imprisoned, or by which an order has been made for the attachment of his property, together with particulars of the decree in respect of which any such order has been made;

(d) the amount and particulars of all pecuniary claims against him, together with the names and residences of his creditors so far as they are known to, or can by the exercise of reasonable care and diligence be ascertained by, him;

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Insolvency (Amendment) Act, 1927 (11 of 1927), s. 4, for "made under this Act".

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- (e) the amount and particulars of all his property, together with—
    - (i) a specification of the value of all such property not consisting of money;
    - (ii) the place or places at which any such property is to be found; and
    - (iii) a declaration of his willingness to place at the disposal of the Court all such property save in so far as it includes such particulars (not being his books of account) as are exempted by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, or by any other enactment for the time being in force from liability to attachment and sale in execution of a decree;
  - (f) a statement whether the debtor has on any previous occasion filed a petition to be adjudged an insolvent, and (where such a petition has been filed)—
    - (i) if such petition has been dismissed, the reasons for such dismissal, or
    - (ii) if the debtor has been adjudged an insolvent, concise particulars of the insolvency, including a statement whether any previous adjudication has been annulled and, if so, the grounds therefor.

(2) Every insolvency petition presented by a creditor or creditors shall set forth the particulars regarding the debtor specified in clause (b) of sub-section (1), and shall also specify—

- (a) the act of insolvency committed by such debtor, together with the date of its commission; and
- (b) the amount and particulars of his or their pecuniary claim or claims against such debtor.

**14.** No petition, whether presented by a debtor or by a creditor, shall be withdrawn without the leave of the Court. Withdrawal of petitions.

**15.** Where two or more insolvency petitions are presented against the same debtor, or where separate petitions are presented against joint debtors, the Court may consolidate the proceedings or any of them, on such terms as the Court thinks fit. Consolidation of petitions.

**16.** Where the petitioner does not proceed with due diligence on his petition, the Court may substitute as petitioner any other creditor to whom the debtor may be indebted in the amount required by this Act proceedings.. Power to change carriage of

**17.** If a debtor by or against whom an insolvency petition has been presented dies, the proceedings in the matter shall, unless the Court otherwise orders, be continued so far as may be necessary for the realisation and distribution of the property of the debtor. Continuance of proceedings on death of debtor.

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**18.** The procedure laid down in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, with respect to the admission of plaints, shall, so far as it is applicable, be followed in the case of insolvency petitions. Procedure for admission of petition.

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Procedure  
on admis-  
sion of  
petition.

**19.** (1) Where an insolvency petition is admitted, the Court shall make an order fixing a date for hearing the petition.

(2) Notice of the order under sub-section (1) shall be given to creditors in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) Where the debtor is not the petitioner, notice of the order under sub-section (1) shall be served on him in the manner provided for the service of summons.

Appoint-  
ment of  
interim  
receiver.

**20.** The Court when making an order admitting the petition may, and where the debtor is the petitioner ordinarily shall, appoint an interim receiver of the property of the debtor or of any part thereof, and may direct him to take immediate possession thereof or of any part thereof, and the interim receiver shall thereupon have such of the powers conferrable on a receiver appointed under the Code of Civil Procedure, v of 1908. 1908, as the Court may direct. If an interim receiver is not so appointed, the Court may make such appointment at any subsequent time before adjudication, and the provisions of this sub-section shall apply accordingly.

Interim pro-  
ceedings  
against  
debtor.

**21.** At the time of making an order admitting the petition or at any subsequent time before adjudication the Court may either of its own motion or on the application of any creditor make one or more of the following orders, namely:—

(1) order the debtor to give reasonable security for his appearance until final orders are made upon the petition, and direct that, in default of giving such security, he shall be detained in the civil prison;

(2) order the attachment by actual seizure of the whole or any part of the property in the possession or under the control of the debtor, other than such particulars (not being his books of account) as are exempted by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, or by any other enactment for the time being v of 1908. in force from liability to attachment and sale in execution of a decree;

(3) order a warrant to issue with or without bail for the arrest of the debtor, and direct either that he be detained in the civil prison until the disposal of the petition, or that he be released on such terms as to security as may be reasonable and necessary:

Provided that an order under clause (2) or clause (3) shall not be made unless the Court is satisfied that the debtor, with intent to defeat or delay his creditors or to avoid any process of the Court,—

(i) has absconded or has departed from the local limits of the jurisdiction of the Court, or is about to abscond or to depart from such limits, or is remaining outside them, or

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(ii) has failed to disclose or has concealed, destroyed, transferred or removed from such limits, or is about to conceal, destroy, transfer or remove from such limits, any documents likely to be of use to his creditors in the course of the hearing, or any part of his property other than such particulars as aforesaid.

**22.** The debtor shall on the making of an order admitting the petition produce all books of account, and shall at any time thereafter give such inventories of his property, and such lists of his creditors and debtors and of the debts due to and from them, respectively, submit to such examination in respect of his property or his creditors, attend at such times before the Court or receiver, execute such instruments, and generally do all such acts and things in relation to his property as may be required by the Court or receiver, or as may be prescribed.

**23.** (1) At the time of making an order admitting the petition or at any subsequent time before adjudication, the Court may, if the debtor is under arrest or imprisonment in execution of the decree of any Court for the payment of money, order his release on such terms as to security as may be reasonable and necessary.

(2) The Court may at any time order any person who has been released under this section to be re-arrested and re-committed to the custody from which he was released.

(3) At the time of making any order under this section, the Court shall record in writing its reasons therefor.

**24.** (1) On the day fixed for the hearing of the petition, or on any subsequent day to which the hearing may be adjourned, the Court shall require proof of the following matters, namely:—

(a) that the creditor or the debtor, as the case may be, is entitled to present the petition:

Provided that, where the debtor is the petitioner, he shall, for the purpose of proving his inability to pay his debts, be required to furnish only such proof as to satisfy the Court that there are *prima facie* grounds for believing the same and the Court, if and when so satisfied, shall not be bound to hear any further evidence thereon;

(b) that the debtor, if he does not appear on a petition presented by a creditor, has been served with notice of the order admitting the petition; and

(c) that the debtor has committed the act of insolvency alleged against him.

(2) The Court shall also examine the debtor, if he is present, as to his conduct, dealings and property in the presence of such creditors as appear at the hearing, and the creditors shall have the right to question the debtor thereon.

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(3) The Court shall, if sufficient cause is shown, grant time to the debtor or to any creditor to produce any evidence which appears to it to be necessary for the proper disposal of the petition.

(4) A memorandum of the substance of the examination of the debtor and of any other oral evidence given shall be made by the Judge, and shall form part of the record of the case.

**Dismissal  
of petition.**

25. (1) In the case of a petition presented by a creditor, where the Court is not satisfied with the proof of his right to present the petition or of the service on the debtor of notice of the order admitting the petition, or of the alleged act of insolvency, or is satisfied by the debtor that he is able to pay his debts, or that for any other sufficient cause no order ought to be made, the Court shall dismiss the petition.

(2) In the case of a petition presented by a debtor, the Court shall dismiss the petition if it is not satisfied of his right to present the petition.

**Award of  
compensa-  
tion.**

26. (1) Where a petition presented by a creditor is dismissed under sub-section (1) of section 25, and the Court is satisfied that the petition was frivolous or vexatious, the Court may, on the application of the debtor, award against such creditor such amount, not exceeding one thousand rupees, as it deems a reasonable compensation to the debtor for the expense or injury occasioned to him by the petition and the proceedings thereon, and such amount may be realised as if it were a fine.

(2) An award under this section shall bar any suit for compensation in respect of such petition and the proceedings thereon.

*Order of Adjudication.*

**Order of  
adjudication.**

27. (1) If the Court does not dismiss the petition, it shall make an order of adjudication, and shall specify in such order the period within which the debtor shall apply for his discharge.

(2) The Court may, if sufficient cause is shown, extend the period within which the debtor shall apply for his discharge, and in that case shall publish notice of the order in such manner as it thinks fit.

**Effect of an  
order of  
adjudication.**

28. (1) On the making of an order of adjudication, the insolvent shall aid to the utmost of his power in the realisation of his property and the distribution of the proceeds among his creditors.

(2) On the making of an order of adjudication, the whole of the property of the insolvent shall vest in the Court or in a receiver as hereinafter provided, and shall become divisible among the creditors, and thereafter, except as provided by this Act, no creditor to whom the insolvent is indebted in respect of any debt provable under this Act shall during the pendency of the insolvency proceedings have any remedy against the property of the insolvent in respect of the debt, or commence any suit or other legal proceeding, except with the leave of the Court and on such terms as the Court may impose. . .

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(3) For the purposes of sub-section (2), all goods being at the date of the presentation of the petition on which the order is made, in the possession, order or disposition of the insolvent in his trade or business, by the consent and permission of the true owner, under such circumstances that he is the reputed owner thereof, shall be deemed to be the property of the insolvent.

(4) All property which is acquired by or devolves on the insolvent after the date of an order of adjudication and before his discharge shall forthwith vest in the Court or receiver, and the provisions of sub-section (2) shall apply in respect thereof.

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(5) The property of the insolvent for the purposes of this section shall not include any property (not being books of account) which is exempted by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, or by any other enactment for the time being in force from liability to attachment and sale in execution of a decree.

(6) Nothing in this section shall affect the power of any secured creditor to realise or otherwise deal with his security, in the same manner as he would have been entitled to realise or deal with it if this section had not been passed.

(7) An order of adjudication shall relate back to, and take effect from, the date of the presentation of the petition on which it is made.

**29.** Any Court in which a suit or other proceeding is pending against a debtor shall, on proof that an order of adjudication has been made against him under this Act, either stay the proceeding, or allow it to continue on such terms as such Court may impose. Stay of pending proceeding.

**30.** Notice of an order of adjudication stating the name, address and description of the insolvent, the date of the adjudication, the period within which the debtor shall apply for his discharge, and the Court by which the adjudication is made, shall be published in the <sup>1</sup>[Official Gazette] and in such other manner as may be prescribed. Publication of order of adjudication.

*Proceedings consequent on order of Adjudication.*

**31.** (1) Any insolvent in respect of whom an order of adjudication has been made may apply to the Court for protection, and the Court may on such application make an order for the protection of the insolvent from arrest or detention. Protection order.

(2) A protection order may apply either to all the debts of the debtor, or to any of them as the Court may think proper, and may commence and take effect at and for such time as the Court may direct, and may be revoked or renewed as the Court may think fit.

(3) A protection order shall protect the insolvent from being arrested or detained in prison for any debt to which such order applies, and any

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

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insolvent arrested or detained contrary to the terms of such an order shall be entitled to his release:

Provided that no such order shall operate to prejudice the rights of any creditor in the event of such order being revoked or the adjudication annulled.

(4) Any creditor shall be entitled to appear and oppose the grant of a protection order.

Power to arrest after adjudication.

**32.** At any time after an order of adjudication has been made, the Court may, if it has reason to believe on the application of any creditor or the receiver that the debtor has absconded or departed from the local limits of its jurisdiction with intent to avoid any obligation which has been, or might be, imposed on him by or under this Act, order a warrant to issue for his arrest, and on his appearing or being brought before it, may, if satisfied that he was absconding or had departed with such intent, order his release on such terms as to security as may be reasonable or necessary, or, if such security is not furnished, direct that he shall be detained in the civil prison for a period which may extend to three months.

Schedule of creditors.

**33.** (1) When an order of adjudication has been made under this Act, all persons alleging themselves to be creditors of the insolvent in respect of debts provable under this Act shall tender proof of their respective debts by producing evidence of the amount and particulars thereof, and the Court shall, by order, determine the persons who have proved themselves to be creditors of the insolvent in respect of such debts, and the amount of such debts, respectively, and shall frame a schedule of such persons and debts:

Provided that, if, in the opinion of the Court, the value of any debt is incapable of being fairly estimated, the Court may make an order to that effect, and thereupon the debt shall not be included in the schedule.

(2) A copy of every such schedule shall be posted in the Court-house.

(3) Any creditor of the insolvent may, at any time before the discharge of the insolvent, tender proof of his debt and apply to the Court for an order directing his name to be entered in the schedule as a creditor in respect of any debt provable under this Act, and not entered in the schedule, and the Court, after causing notice to be served on the <sup>1</sup>[receiver] and the other creditors who have proved their debts, and hearing their objections (if any), shall comply with or reject the application.

Debts provable under the Act.

**34.** (1) Debts which have been excluded from the schedule on the ground that their value is incapable of being fairly estimated and demands in the nature of unliquidated damages arising otherwise than

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Provincial Insolvency (Amendment) Act, 1926 (39 of 1926), s. 2, for "insolvent".

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by reason of a contract or a breach of trust shall not be provable under this Act.

(2) Save as provided by sub-section (1), all debts and liabilities, present or future, certain or contingent, to which the debtor is subject when he is adjudged an insolvent, or to which he may become subject before his discharge by reason of any obligation incurred before the date of such adjudication, shall be deemed to be debts provable under this Act.

*Annulment of Adjudication.*

**35.** Where, in the opinion of the Court, a debtor ought not to have been adjudged insolvent, or where it is proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the debts of the insolvent have been paid in full, the Court shall, on the application of the debtor, or of any other person interested, by order in writing, annul the adjudication<sup>1</sup> [and the Court may, of its own motion or on application made by the receiver or any creditor, annul any adjudication made on the petition of a debtor who was, by reason of the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 10, not entitled to present such petition].

**36.** If, in any case in which an order of adjudication has been made,<sup>2</sup> it shall be proved to the Court by which such order was made that insolvency proceedings are pending in another Court against the same debtor, and that the property of the debtor can be more conveniently distributed by such other Court, the Court may annul the adjudication or stay all proceedings thereon.

**37.** (1) Where an adjudication is annulled, all sales and dispositions of property and payments duly made, and all acts theretofore done, by the Court or receiver, shall be valid; but, subject as aforesaid, the property of the debtor who was adjudged insolvent shall vest in such person as the Court may appoint, or, in default of any such appointment, shall revert to the debtor to the extent of his right or interest therein on such conditions (if any) as the Court may, by order in writing, declare.

(2) Notice of every order annulling an adjudication shall be published in the<sup>2</sup> [Official Gazette] and in such other manner as may be prescribed.

*Compositions and schemes of arrangement.*

**38.** (1) Where a debtor, after the making of an order of adjudication, submits a proposal for a composition in satisfaction of his debts, or a proposal for a scheme of arrangement of his affairs, the Court shall fix a date for the consideration of the proposal, and shall issue a notice to all creditors in such manner as may be prescribed.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Insolvency (Amendment) Act, 1927 (11 of 1927), s. 5.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

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(2) If, on the consideration of the proposal, a majority in number and three-fourths in value of all the creditors whose debts are proved and who are present in person or by pleader, resolve to accept the proposal, the same shall be deemed to be duly accepted by the creditors.

(3) The debtor may at the meeting amend the terms of his proposal if the amendment is, in the opinion of the Court, calculated to benefit the general body of creditors.

(4) Where the Court is of opinion, after hearing the report of the receiver, if a receiver has been appointed, and after considering any objections which may be made by or on behalf of any creditor, that the terms of the proposal are not reasonable or are not calculated to benefit the general body of creditors, the Court shall refuse to approve the proposal.

(5) If any facts are proved on proof of which the Court would be required either to refuse, suspend or attach conditions to the debtor's discharge, the Court shall refuse to approve the proposal unless it provides reasonable security for payment of not less than six annas in the rupee on all the unsecured debts provable against the debtor's estate.

(6) No composition or scheme shall be approved by the Court which does not provide for the payment in priority to other debts of all debts directed to be so paid in the distribution of the property of an insolvent.

(7) In any other case the Court may either approve or refuse to approve the proposal.

**39.** If the Court approves the proposal, the terms shall be embodied in an order of the Court, and <sup>1\*</sup> \* \* \* the order of adjudication shall be annulled, and the provisions of section 37 shall apply, and the composition or scheme shall be binding on all the creditors <sup>2</sup>[so far as relates to any debt due to them from the debtor and provable under this Act].

**40.** If default is made in the payment of any instalment due in pursuance of the composition or scheme, or if it appears to the Court that the composition or scheme cannot proceed without injustice or undue delay, or that the approval of the Court was obtained by fraud, the Court may, if it thinks fit, re-adjudge the debtor insolvent and annul the composition or scheme but without prejudice to the validity of any transfer or payment duly made or of anything duly done under or in pursuance of the composition or scheme. When a debtor is re-adjudged insolvent under this section, all debts provable in other respects which have been contracted before the date of such re-adjudication shall be provable in the insolvency.

<sup>1</sup> The words "the Court shall frame a schedule in accordance with the provisions of section 33" rep. by the Provincial Insolvency (Amendment) Act, 1935 (10 of 1935), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 2, *ibid.*, for "entered in the said schedule so far as relates to any debts entered therein".

Order on  
approval.

Power to re-  
adjudge  
debtor  
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*Discharge.*

**41.** (1) A debtor may, at any time after the order of adjudication **Discharge.** and shall, within the period specified by the Court, apply to the Court for an order of discharge, and the Court shall fix a day, notice whereof shall be given in such manner as may be prescribed, for hearing such application, and any objections which may be made thereto.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Court may, after considering the objections of any creditor and, where a receiver has been appointed, the report of the receiver—

- (a) grant or refuse an absolute order of discharge; or
- (b) suspend the operation of the order for a specified time; or
- (c) grant an order of discharge subject to any conditions with respect to any earnings or income which may afterwards become due to the insolvent, or with respect to his after-acquired property.

**42.** (1) The Court shall refuse to grant an absolute order of discharge Cases in which Court must refuse an absolute discharge. under section 41 on proof of any of the following facts, namely:—

- (a) that the insolvent's assets are not of a value equal to eight annas in the rupee on the amount of his unsecured liabilities, unless he satisfies the Court that the fact that the assets are not of a value equal to eight annas in the rupee on the amount of his unsecured liabilities has arisen from circumstances for which he cannot justly be held responsible;
- (b) that the insolvent has omitted to keep such books of account as are usual and proper in the business carried on by him and as sufficiently disclose his business transactions and financial position within the three years immediately preceding his insolvency;
- (c) that the insolvent has continued to trade after knowing himself to be insolvent;
- (d) that the insolvent has contracted any debt provable under this Act without having at the time of contracting it any reasonable or probable ground of expectation (the burden of proving which shall lie on him) that he would be able to pay it;
- (e) that the insolvent has failed to account satisfactorily for any loss of assets or for any deficiency of assets to meet his liabilities;
- (f) that the insolvent has brought on, or contributed to, his insolvency by rash and hazardous speculations, or by unjustifiable extravagance in living, or by gambling, or by culpable neglect of his business affairs;
- (g) that the insolvent has, within three months preceding the date of the presentation of the petition, when unable to pay his

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debts as they became due, given an undue preference to any of his creditors;

- (h) that the insolvent has on any previous occasion been adjudged an insolvent or made a composition or arrangement with his creditors;
- (i) that the insolvent has concealed or removed his property or any part thereof, or has been guilty of any other fraud or fraudulent breach of trust.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the report of the receiver shall be deemed to be evidence; and the Court may presume the correctness of any statement contained therein.

(3) The powers of suspending, and of attaching conditions to, an insolvent's discharge may be exercised concurrently.

Adjudication  
to be  
annulled  
on failure to  
apply for  
discharge.

**43.** (1) If the debtor does not appear on the day fixed for hearing his application for discharge or on such subsequent day as the Court may direct, or if the debtor does not apply for an order of discharge within the period specified by the Court, the order of adjudication shall be annulled, and the provisions of section 37 shall apply accordingly.

(2) Where a debtor has been released from custody under the provisions of this Act and the order of adjudication is annulled under sub-section (1), the Court may, if it thinks fit, re-commit the debtor to his former custody, and the officer in charge of the prison, to whose custody such debtor is so re-committed shall receive such debtor into his custody according to such re-commitment, and thereupon all processes which were in force against the person of such debtor at the time of such release as aforesaid shall be deemed to be still in force against him as if no order of adjudication had been made.

Effect of  
order of dis-  
charge.

**44.** (1) An order of discharge shall not release the insolvent from—

- (a) any debt due to the Crown;
- (b) any debt or liability incurred by means of any fraud or fraudulent breach of trust to which he was a party;
- (c) any debt or liability in respect of which he has obtained forbearance by any fraud to which he was a party; or
- (d) any liability under an order for maintenance made under section 488 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

V of 1898.

(2) Save as otherwise provided by sub-section (1), an order of discharge shall release the insolvent from all debts provable under this Act.

(3) An order of discharge shall not release any person who, at the date of the presentation of the petition, was a partner or co-trustee with the insolvent, or was jointly bound or had made any joint contract with him or any person who was surety for him.

(Part III.—Administration of Property.)

### PART III.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF PROPERTY.

##### *Method of proof of debts.*

**45.** A creditor may prove for a debt not payable when the debtor is adjudged an insolvent as if it were payable presently, and may receive dividends equally with the other creditors, deducting therefrom only a rebate of interest at the rate of six per centum per annum computed from the declaration of a dividend to the time when the debt would have become payable, according to the terms on which it was contracted.

**46.** Where there have been mutual dealings between an insolvent and a creditor proving or claiming to prove a debt under this Act, an account shall be taken of what is due from the one party to the other in respect of such mutual dealings, and the sum due from the one party shall be set off against any sum due from the other party, and the balance of the account, and no more, shall be claimed or paid on either side respectively.

**47.** (1) Where a secured creditor realises his security, he may prove for the balance due to him, after deducting the net amount realised.

(2) Where a secured creditor relinquishes his security for the general benefit of the creditors, he may prove for his whole debt.

(3) Where a secured creditor does not either realise or relinquish his security, he shall, before being entitled to have his debt entered in the schedule, state in his proof the particulars of his security, and the value at which he assesses it, and shall be entitled to receive a dividend only in respect of the balance due to him after deducting the value so assessed.

(4) Where a security is so valued, the Court may at any time before realisation redeem it on payment to the creditor of the assessed value.

(5) Where a creditor, after having valued his security, subsequently realises it, the net amount realised shall be substituted for the amount of any valuation previously made by the creditor, and shall be treated in all respects as an amended valuation made by the creditor.

(6) Where a secured creditor does not comply with the provisions of this section, he shall be excluded from all share in any dividend.

**48.** (1) On any debt or sum certain whereon interest is not reserved or agreed for, and which is overdue when the debtor is adjudged an insolvent, and which is provable under this Act, the creditor may prove for interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum—

(a) if the debt or sum is payable by virtue of a written instrument at a certain time, from the time when such debt or sum was payable to the date of such adjudication; or,

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(b) if the debt or sum is payable otherwise, from the time when a demand in writing has been made giving the debtor notice that interest will be claimed from the date of the demand until the time of payment to the date of such adjudication.

(2) Where a debt which has been proved under this Act includes interest or any pecuniary consideration in lieu of interest, the interest or consideration shall, for the purposes of dividend, be calculated at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, without prejudice to the right of a creditor to receive out of the debtor's estate any higher rate of interest to which he may be entitled after all the debts proved have been paid in full.

## Mode of proof.

**49.** (1) A debt may be proved under this Act by delivering, or sending by post in a registered letter, to the Court an affidavit verifying the debt.

(2) The affidavit shall contain or refer to a statement of account showing the particulars of the debt, and shall specify the vouchers (if any) by which the same can be substantiated. The Court may at any time call for the production of the vouchers.

## Disallowance and reduction of entries in schedule.

**50.** (1) Where the receiver thinks that a debt has been improperly entered in the schedule, the Court may, on the application of the receiver and after notice to the creditor, and such inquiry (if any) as the Court thinks necessary, expunge such entry or reduce the amount of the debt.

(2) The Court may also, after like inquiry, expunge an entry or reduce the amount of a debt upon the application of a creditor where no receiver has been appointed, or where the receiver declines to interfere in the matter or, in the case of a composition or scheme, upon the application of the debtor.

*Effect of insolvency on antecedent transactions.*

## Restriction of rights of creditor under execution.

**51.** (1) Where execution of a decree has issued against the property of a debtor, no person shall be entitled to the benefit of the execution against the receiver except in respect of assets realised in the course of the execution by sale or otherwise before the date of the admission of the petition.

(2) Nothing in this section shall affect the rights of a secured creditor in respect of the property against which the decree is executed.

(3) A person who in good faith purchases the property of a debtor under a sale in execution shall in all cases acquire a good title to it against the receiver.

## Duties of Court executing decree as to property

**52.** Where execution of a decree has issued against any property of a debtor which is saleable in execution and before the sale thereof notice is given to the Court executing the decree that an insolvency petition by or against the debtor has been admitted, the Court shall,

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on application, direct the property, if in the possession of the Court, taken in to be delivered to the receiver, but the costs of the suit in which the decree was made and of the execution shall be a first charge on the property so delivered, and the receiver may sell the property or an adequate part thereof for the purpose of satisfying the charge.

**53.** Any transfer of property not being a transfer made before and in consideration of marriage or made in favour of a purchaser or in-cumbrancer in good faith and for valuable consideration shall, if the transferor is adjudged insolvent <sup>1</sup>[on a petition presented] within two years after the date of the transfer, be voidable as against the receiver and may be annulled by the Court.

**54.** (1) Every transfer of property, every payment made, every obligation incurred, and every judicial proceeding taken or suffered by any person unable to pay his debts as they become due from his own money in favour of any creditor, with a view of giving that creditor a preference over the other creditors, shall, if such person is adjudged insolvent on a petition presented within three months after the date thereof, be deemed fraudulent and void as against the receiver, and shall be annulled by the Court.

(2) This section shall not affect the rights of any person who in good faith and for valuable consideration has acquired a title through or under a creditor of the insolvent.

<sup>2</sup>[**54A.** A petition for the annulment of any transfer under section 53, or of any transfer, payment, obligation or judicial proceeding under section 54, may be made by the receiver or, with the leave of the Court, by any creditor who has proved his debt and who satisfies the Court that the receiver has been requested and has refused to make such petition.]

**55.** Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Act with respect to the effect of insolvency on an execution, and with respect to the avoidance of certain transfers and preferences, nothing in this Act shall invalidate in the case of an insolvency—

- (a) any payment by the insolvent to any of his creditors;
- (b) any payment or delivery to the insolvent;
- (c) any transfer by the insolvent for valuable consideration; or
- (d) any contract or dealing by or with the insolvent for valuable consideration:

Provided that any such transaction takes place before the date of the order of adjudication, and that the person with whom such transaction takes place has not at the time notice of the presentation of any insolvency petition by or against the debtor.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Insolvency Law (Amendment) Act, 1930 (10 of 1930), s. 6.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Provincial Insolvency (Amendment) Act, 1926 (39 of 1926), s. 3.

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*Realisation of Property.*

Appoint-  
ment of  
receiver.

**56.** (1) The Court may, at the time of the order of adjudication, or at any time afterwards, appoint a receiver for the property of the insolvent, and such property shall thereupon vest in such receiver.

(2) Subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, the Court may—

(a) require the receiver to give such security as it thinks fit duly to account for what he shall receive in respect of the property; and

(b) by general or special order, fix the amount to be paid as remuneration for the services of the receiver out of the assets of the insolvent.

(3) Where the Court appoints a receiver, it may remove the person in whose possession or custody any such property as aforesaid is from the possession or custody thereof:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorise the Court to remove from the possession or custody of property any person whom the insolvent has not a present right so to remove.

(4) Where a receiver<sup>1</sup> appointed under this section—

(a) fails to submit his accounts at such periods and in such form as the Court directs, or

(b) fails to pay the balance due from him thereon as the Court directs, or

(c) occasions loss to the property by his wilful default or gross negligence,

the Court may direct his property to be attached and sold, and may apply the proceeds to make good any balance found to be due from him or any loss so occasioned by him.

(5) The provisions of this section shall apply, so far as may be, to interim receivers appointed under section 20.

Power to  
appoint  
Official  
Receivers.

**57.** (1) The <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may appoint such persons as it thinks fit (to be called “ Official Receivers ”) to be receivers under this Act within such local limits as it may prescribe.

(2) Where any Official Receiver has been so appointed for the local limits of the jurisdiction of any Court having jurisdiction under this Act, he shall be the receiver for the purpose of every order appointing a receiver or an interim receiver issued by any such Court, unless the Court for special reasons otherwise directs.

(3) Any sum payable under clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 56 in respect of the services of an Official Receiver shall be credited<sup>1</sup> to such fund as the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may direct.

<sup>1</sup> In the application of the Act to the taluka of Karachi, certain words have been ins. at this place by the Karachi Insolvency Amendment Act, 1935 (Bom. 3 of 1935), s. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “ L. G. ”

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(4) Every Official Receiver shall receive such remuneration out of the said fund or otherwise as the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may fix in this behalf, and no remuneration whatever beyond that so fixed shall be received by the Official Receiver as such.<sup>2</sup>

**58.** Where no receiver is appointed, the Court shall have all the rights of, and may exercise all the powers conferred on, a receiver under this Act. Powers of Court if no receiver appointed.

**59.** Subject to the provisions of this Act, the receiver shall, with all convenient speed, realise the property of the debtor and distribute dividends among the creditors entitled thereto, and for that purpose may— Duties and powers of receiver.

(a) sell all or any part of the property of the insolvent;

(b) give receipts for any money received by him;

and may, by leave of the Court, do all or any of the following things, namely:—

(c) carry on the business of the insolvent so far as may be necessary for the beneficial winding up of the same;

(d) institute, defend or continue any suit or other legal proceeding relating to the property of the insolvent;

(e) employ a pleader or other agent to take any proceedings or do any business which may be sanctioned by the Court;

(f) accept as the consideration for the sale of any property of the insolvent a sum of money payable at a future time subject to such stipulations as to security and otherwise as the Court thinks fit;

(g) mortgage or pledge any part of the property of the insolvent for the purpose of raising money for the payment of his debts;

(h) refer any dispute to arbitration, and compromise all debts, claims and liabilities, on such terms as may be agreed upon; and

(i) divide in its existing form amongst the creditors, according to its estimated value, any property which, from its peculiar nature or other special circumstances, cannot readily or advantageously be sold.

**<sup>3</sup>[59A.] (1)** The Court, if specially empowered in this behalf by an order of the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government], or any officer of the Court so

Power to require information

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> In the application of the Act to the taluka of Karachi, new ss. 57A to 57E have been ins. by the Karachi Insolvency Amendment Act, 1935 (Bom. 3 of 1935), s. 3.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Provincial Insolvency (Amendment) Act, 1926 (39 of 1926), s. 4.

## (Part III.—Administration of Property.)

regarding  
insolvent's  
property.

empowered by a like order, may, on the application of the receiver or any creditor who has proved his debt, at any time after an order of adjudication has been made, summon before it in the prescribed manner any person known or suspected to have in his possession any property belonging to the insolvent, or supposed to be indebted to the insolvent, or any person whom the Court or such officer, as the case may be, may deem capable of giving information respecting the insolvent or his dealings or property, and the Court or such officer may require any such person to produce any documents in his custody or power relating to the insolvent or to his dealings or property.

(2) If any person so summoned, after having been tendered a reasonable sum, refuses to come before the Court or such officer at the time appointed, or refuses to produce any such document, having no lawful impediment made known to and allowed by the Court or such officer, the Court or such officer may, by warrant, cause him to be apprehended and brought up for examination.

(3) The Court or such officer may examine any person so brought before it or him concerning the insolvent, his dealings or property, and such person may be represented by a legal practitioner.]

Special  
provisions in  
regard to  
immoveable  
property.

60. (1) In any local area in which a declaration has been made under section 68 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, and is in force, <sup>V of 1908.</sup> no sale of immoveable property paying revenue to the Government or held or let for agricultural purposes shall be made by the receiver; but, after the other property of the insolvent has been realised, the Court shall ascertain—

- (a) the amount required to satisfy the debts proved under this Act after deducting the monies already received;
- (b) the immoveable property of the insolvent remaining unsold; and
- (c) the incumbrances (if any) existing thereon;

and shall forward a statement to the Collector containing the particulars aforesaid; and thereupon the Collector shall proceed to raise the amount so required by the exercise of such of the powers conferred on him by paragraphs 2 to 10 of the Third Schedule to the said Code as he thinks fit, and subject to the provisions of those paragraphs so far as they are applicable, and shall hold at the disposal of the Court all sums that may come to his hands by the exercise of such powers.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to affect any provisions of any enactment for the time being in force prohibiting or restricting the execution of decrees or orders against immoveable property; and any such provisions shall be deemed to apply to the enforcement of an order of adjudication made under this Act as if it were such a decree or order.

(Part III.—*Administration of Property.*)*Distribution of Property.*

**61.** (1) In the distribution of the property of the insolvent, there shall be paid in priority to all other debts—  
 Priority of debts.

- (a) all debts due to the Crown or to any local authority; and
- (b) all salary or wages, not exceeding twenty rupees in all, of any clerk, servant or labourer in respect of services rendered to the insolvent during four months before the date of the presentation of the petition.

(2) The debts specified in sub-section (1) shall rank equally between themselves, and shall be paid in full, unless the property of the insolvent is insufficient to meet them, in which case they shall abate in equal proportions between themselves.

(3) Subject to the retention of such sums as may be necessary for the expenses of administration or otherwise, the debts specified in sub-section (1) shall be discharged forthwith in so far as the property of the insolvent is sufficient to meet them.

(4) In the case of partners, the partnership property shall be applicable in the first instance in payment of the partnership debts, and the separate property of each partner shall be applicable in the first instance in payment of his separate debts. Where there is a surplus of the separate property of the partners, it shall be dealt with as part of the partnership property; and where there is a surplus of the partnership property, it shall be dealt with as part of the respective separate property in proportion to the rights and interests of each partner in the partnership property.

(5) Subject to the provisions of this Act, all debts entered in the schedule shall be paid rateably according to the amounts of such debts respectively and without any preference.

(6) Where there is any surplus after payment of the foregoing debts, it shall be applied in payment of interest from the date on which the debtor is adjudged an insolvent at the rate of six per centum per annum on all debts entered in the schedule.

**62.** (1) In the calculation of dividends, the receiver shall retain in his hands sufficient assets to meet—  
 Calculation of dividends.

- (a) debts provable under this Act and appearing, from the insolvent's statements or otherwise, to be due to persons resident in places so distant that in the ordinary course of communication they have not had sufficient time to tender their proofs;

- (b) debts provable under this Act, the subject of claims not yet determined;

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- (c) disputed proofs or claims; and  
 (d) the expenses necessary for the administration of the estate or otherwise.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (1), all money in hand shall be distributed as dividends.

Right of creditor who has not proved debt before declaration of a dividend.

**63.** Any creditor who has not proved his debt before the declaration of any dividend or dividends shall be entitled to be paid, out of any money for the time being in the hands of the receiver, any dividend or dividends which he may have failed to receive before that money is applied to the payment of any future dividend or dividends; but he shall not be entitled to disturb the distribution of any dividend declared before his debt was proved by reason that he has not participated therein.

Final dividend.

**64.** When the receiver has realised all the property of the insolvent or so much thereof as can, in the opinion of the Court, be realised without needlessly protracting the receivership, he shall declare a final dividend; but before so doing, he shall give notice in manner prescribed to the persons whose claims to be creditors have been notified but not proved, that if they do not prove their claims within the time limited by the notice, he will proceed to make a final dividend without regard to their claims. After the expiration of the time so limited, or if the Court, on application by any such claimant, grants him further time for establishing his claim, then on the expiration of such further time, the property of the insolvent shall be divided among the creditors entered in the schedule without regard to the claims of any other persons.

No suit for dividend.

**65.** No suit for a dividend shall lie against the receiver; but where the receiver refuses to pay any dividend, the Court may, on the application of any creditor who is entered in the schedule, order him to pay it, and also to pay out of his own money interest thereon for the time that it is withheld, and the costs of the application.

Management by and allowance to insolvent.

**66.** (1) The Court may appoint the insolvent himself to superintend the management of the property of the insolvent or of any part thereof, or to carry on the trade (if any) of the insolvent for the benefit of the creditors, and in any other respect to aid in administering the property in such manner and on such terms as the Court may direct.

(2) The Court may, from time to time, make such allowance as it may think just to the insolvent out of his property for the support of himself and his family, or in consideration of his services if he is engaged in winding up his estate; but any such allowance may, at any time, be varied or determined by the Court.

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<sup>1</sup> In its application to the taluka of Karachi, this section has been amended by the Karachi Insolvency Amendment Act, 1935 (Bom. 3 of 1935), s. 3.

(Part III.—Administration of Property. Part IV.—Penalties.)

**67.** The insolvent shall be entitled to any surplus remaining after payment in full of his creditors with interest as provided by this Act, and of the expenses of the proceedings taken thereunder.

<sup>1</sup>[**67A.** (1) The Court may, if it thinks fit, authorise the creditors who have proved their debts to appoint a committee of inspection for the purpose of superintending the administration of the insolvent's property by the receiver.

(2) The persons appointed to a committee of inspection shall be creditors who have proved their debts or persons holding general powers-of-attorney from such creditors.

(3) The committee of inspection shall have such powers of control over the proceedings of the receiver as may be prescribed.]

#### *Appeal to Court against receiver.*

**68.** If the insolvent or any of the creditors or any other person is aggrieved by any act or decision of the receiver, he may apply to the Court, and the Court may confirm, reverse or modify the act or decision complained of, and make such order as it thinks just:

Provided that no application under this section shall be entertained after the expiration of twenty-one days from the date of the act or decision complained of.

## PART IV.

### PENALTIES.

**69.** If a debtor, whether before or after the making of an order of adjudication,—

(a) wilfully fails to perform the duties imposed on him by section 22 or to deliver up possession of any part of his property which is divisible among his creditors under this Act, and which is for the time being in his possession or under his control to the Court or to any person authorised by the Court to take possession of it, or

(b) fraudulently with intent to conceal the state of his affairs or to defeat the objects of this Act,—

(i) has destroyed or otherwise wilfully prevented or purposely withheld the production of any document relating to such of his affairs as are subject to investigation under this Act, or

(ii) has kept or caused to be kept false books, or

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Provincial Insolvency (Amendment) Act, 1926 (39 of 1926), s. 5.

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- (iii) has made false entries in or withheld entries from or wilfully altered or falsified any document relating to such of his affairs as are subject to investigation under this Act, or
- (c) fraudulently with intent to diminish the sum to be divided among his creditors or to give an undue preference to any of his creditors,—
- (i) has discharged or concealed any debt due to or from him, or
- (ii) has made away with, charged, mortgaged or concealed any part of his property of any kind whatsoever,
- he shall be punishable on conviction <sup>1\*</sup> \* \* with imprisonment which may extend to one year.

Procedure  
on charge  
under  
section 69.

<sup>2</sup>[**70.** Where the Court is satisfied, after such preliminary inquiry, if any, as it thinks necessary, that there is ground for inquiring into any offence referred to in section 69 and appearing to have been committed by the insolvent, the Court may record a finding to that effect and make a complaint of the offence in writing to a Magistrate of the first class having jurisdiction, and such Magistrate shall deal with such complaint in the manner laid down in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.]

V of 1898.

Criminal  
liability  
after dis-  
charge or  
composition.

**71.** Where an insolvent has been guilty of any of the offences specified in section 69, he shall not be exempt from being proceeded against therefor by reason that he has obtained his discharge or that a composition or scheme of arrangement has been accepted or approved.

Undischarg-  
ed insolvent  
obtaining  
credit.

**72.** (1) An undischarged insolvent obtaining credit to the extent of fifty rupees or upwards from any person without informing such person that he is an undischarged insolvent shall, on conviction by a Magistrate, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine or with both.

Disqualifica-  
tions of  
insolvent.

(2) Where the Court has reason to believe that an undischarged insolvent has committed the offence referred to in sub-section (1), the Court, after making any preliminary inquiry that may be necessary, may send the case for trial to the nearest Magistrate of the first class, and may send the accused in custody or take sufficient security for his appearance before such Magistrate; and may bind over any person to appear and give evidence on such trial.

**73.** (1) Where a debtor is adjudged or re-adjudged insolvent under this Act, he shall, subject to the provisions of this section, be disqualified from—

- (a) being appointed or acting as a Magistrate;

<sup>1</sup> The words "by the Court" rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (12 of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Insolvency (Amendment) Act, 1926 (9 of 1926), s. 11, as amended by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1927 (10 of 1927), s. 3 and Sch. II, for the original section.

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- (b) being elected to any office of any local authority where the appointment to such office is by election or holding or exercising any such office to which no salary is attached; and
- (c) being elected or sitting or voting as member of any local authority.

(2) The disqualifications which an insolvent is subject to under this section shall be removed, and shall cease if—

- (a) the order of adjudication is annulled under section 35, or
- (b) he obtains from the Court an order of discharge, whether absolute or conditional, with a certificate that his insolvency was caused by misfortune without any misconduct on his part.

(3) The Court may grant or refuse such certificate as it thinks fit, but any order of refusal shall be subject to appeal.

## PART V.

### SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION.

**74.** When a petition is presented by or against a debtor, if the Court is satisfied by affidavit or otherwise that the property of the debtor is not likely to exceed in value five hundred rupees<sup>1</sup>, the Court may make an order that the debtor's estate be administered in a summary manner, and thereupon the provisions of this Act shall be subject to the following modifications, namely:—

- (i) unless the Court otherwise directs, no notice required under this Act shall be published in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette];
- (ii) on the admission of a petition by a debtor, the property of the debtor shall vest in the Court as a receiver;
- (iii) at the hearing of the petition, the Court shall inquire into the debts and assets of the debtor and determine the same by order in writing, and it shall not be necessary to frame a schedule under the provisions of section 33;
- (iv) the property of the debtor shall be realised with all reasonable despatch and thereafter, when practicable, distributed in a single dividend;

<sup>1</sup> In Punjab read "two thousand rupees", see the Punjab Relief of Indebtedness Act, 1934 (Punjab 7 of 1934), s. 4.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

(*Part V.—Summary Administration. Part VI.—Appeals. Part VII.—Miscellaneous.*)

- (v) the debtor shall apply for his discharge within six months from the date of adjudication; and
- (vi) such other modifications as may be prescribed with the view of saving expense and simplifying procedure:

Provided that the Court may at any time direct that the ordinary procedure provided for in this Act shall be followed in regard to the debtor's estate, and thereafter the Act shall have effect accordingly.

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## PART VI.

### APPEALS.

Appeals.

75. (1) The debtor, any creditor, the receiver or any other person aggrieved by a decision come to or an order made in the exercise of insolvency jurisdiction by a Court subordinate to a District Court may appeal to the District Court, and the order of the District Court upon such appeal shall be final:

Provided that the High Court, for the purpose of satisfying itself that an order made in any appeal decided by the District Court was according to law, may call for the case and pass such order with respect thereto as it thinks fit:

Provided, further, that any such person aggrieved by a decision of the District Court on appeal from a decision of a subordinate Court under section 4 may appeal to the High Court on any of the grounds mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 100 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

(2) Any such person aggrieved by any such decision or order of a District Court as is specified in Schedule I, come to or made otherwise than in appeal from an order made by a subordinate Court, may appeal to the High Court.

(3) Any such person aggrieved by any other order made by a District Court otherwise than in appeal from an order made by a subordinate Court may appeal to the High Court by leave of the District Court or of the High Court.

(4) The periods of limitation for appeals to the District Court and to the High Court under this section shall be thirty days and ninety days, respectively.

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## PART VII.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Costs.

76. The costs of any proceeding under this Act, including the costs of maintaining a debtor in the civil prison, shall, subject to any rules

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made under this Act, be in the discretion of the Court in which the proceeding is had.

**77.** All Courts having jurisdiction in insolvency and the officers Courts to be of such Courts, respectively, shall severally act in aid of and be auxiliary to each other in all matters of insolvency, and an order of a Court seeking aid with a request to another of the said Courts shall be deemed sufficient to enable the latter Court to exercise, in regard to the matters directed by the order, such jurisdiction as either of such Courts could exercise in regard to similar matters within their respective jurisdictions.

**78.** (1) The provisions of sections 5 and 12 of the Indian Limitation Act, 1908, shall apply to appeals and applications under this Act, and for the purpose of the said section 12, a decision under section 4 shall be deemed to be a decree.

(2) Where an order of adjudication has been annulled under this Act, in computing the period of limitation prescribed for any suit or application for the execution of a decree (other than a suit or application in respect of which the leave of the Court was obtained under sub-section (2) of section 28) which might have been brought or made but for the making of an order of adjudication under this Act, the period from the date of the order of adjudication to the date of the order of annulment shall be excluded:

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to a suit or application in respect of a debt provable but not proved under this Act.

**79.** <sup>1</sup>[(1) The High Court may, with the previous sanction of the Provincial Government, make rules for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.] <sup>Power to make rules.</sup>

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide—

(a) for the appointment and remuneration of receivers (other than Official Receivers), the audit of the accounts of all receivers and the costs of such audit,

(b) for meetings of creditors,

(c) for the procedure to be followed where the debtor is a firm,

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(d) for the procedure to be followed in the case of estates to be administered in a summary manner, <sup>3</sup>[and]

(e) for any matter which is to be or may be prescribed.]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original sub-section.

<sup>2</sup> The word "and" rep. by the Provincial Insolvency (Amendment) Act, 1926 (39 of 1926), s. 6.

<sup>3</sup> Ins., *ibid.*

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(3) All rules made under this section shall be published <sup>1\*</sup> \* \* in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], <sup>3\*</sup> \* \* \* and shall, on such publication, have effect as if enacted in this Act.

Delegation  
of powers to  
Official  
Receivers.

**80.** (1) The High Court, with the like sanction, may from time to time direct that, in any matters in respect of which jurisdiction is given to the Court by this Act, the Official Receiver shall, subject to the directions of the Court, have all or any of the following powers, namely:—

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(b) to frame schedules and to admit or reject proofs of creditors;

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(e) to make interim orders in any case of urgency; and

(f) to hear and determine any unopposed or *ex-parte* application.

(2) Subject to the appeal to the Court provided for by section 68, any order made or act done by the Official Receiver in the exercise of the said powers shall be deemed the order or act of the Court.

Power of  
Provincial  
Government  
to bar appli-  
cation of  
certain  
provisions to  
certain  
Courts.  
Savings.

**81.** Any <sup>5</sup>[Provincial Government] <sup>6\*</sup> \* may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], declare that any of the provisions of this Act specified in Schedule II shall not apply to insolvency proceedings in any Court or Courts having jurisdiction under this Act in any part of the territories administered by such <sup>5</sup>[Provincial Government].

Repeals.

**82.** Nothing in this Act shall—

(a) affect the Presidency-towns Insolvency Act, 1909, <sup>7\*</sup> \* or III of 1909.

(b) apply to cases to which Chapter IV of the Dekkhan Agri- XVII of  
culturists Relief Act, 1879, is applicable. 1879.

**83.** \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

(2) Where in any enactment or instrument in force at the date of the commencement of this Act, reference is made to Chapter XX (of Insolvent Judgment-debtors) of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1877, or X of 1877. of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1882, or to any section of either of those XIV of Chapters, such reference shall, so far as may be practicable, be con- 1882.  
strued as applying to this Act or to the corresponding section thereof.

<sup>1</sup> The words "in the Gazette of India or" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>3</sup> The words "as the case may be" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>4</sup> Cls. (a), (c) and (d) rep. by the Provincial Insolvency (Amendment) Act, 1926 (38 of 1926), s. 7.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>6</sup> The words "with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C.", rep. by the Devolution Act, 1920 (38 of 1920), s. 2 and Sch. I.

<sup>7</sup> The words and figures "or s. 8 of the Lower Burma Courts Act, 1900" rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1930 (8 of 1930), s. 3 and Sch. II.

<sup>8</sup> Sub-section (1) rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (12 of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

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Act No. X of 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[11th March, 1920.]

## An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to Government securities.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to Government securities; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**Short title, extent and commencement.** 1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Securities Act, 1920;

(2) It extends<sup>2</sup> to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan; and

(3) It shall come into force on the first day of April, 1920.

**Definitions.** 2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “Government security” means promissory notes (including treasury bills), stock-certificates, bearer bonds and all other securities issued by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] or by any <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government] in respect of any loan contracted either before or after the passing of this Act, but does not include a currency-note; and

(b) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act:

<sup>5</sup>(c) “the Government” or “Government” in relation to any loan or security, means the Government raising the loan or issuing the security.]

**Notice of trust not receivable save as provided.** 3. (1) Save as otherwise provided in or under this Act, no notice of any trust in respect of any Government security shall be receivable by the Government.

(2) The Government shall not be deemed to have received notice of any trust by reason only of the fact that it has recognised an indorsement

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, Extraordinary, dated 29th October, 1919, p. 529; for Report of Select Committee, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 39; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, p. 734.

<sup>2</sup> This Act has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.; and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “L. G.”

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

on a Government security by an executor or administrator as such, nor shall it inquire into the terms of any will by which such executor or administrator may be bound, but, on being satisfied of the due appointment of such executor or administrator, it shall be entitled to treat him as the full owner of any Government security belonging to the estate of the person whom he represents.

**4.** (1) Notwithstanding anything in section 45 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872,—

- (a) when a Government security is payable to two or more persons jointly, and either or any of them dies, the security shall be payable to the survivor or survivors of those persons, and
- (b) when a Government security is payable to two or more persons severally, and either or any of them dies, the security shall be payable to the survivor or survivors of those persons, or to the representative of the deceased, or to any of them.

(2) This section shall apply whether such death occurred or occurs before or after this Act comes into force.

(3) Nothing herein contained shall affect any claim which any representatives of a deceased person may have against the survivor or survivors under or in respect of any security to which sub-section (1) applies.

<sup>1</sup>[(4) For the purposes of this section, a body incorporated under the Indian Companies Act, 1913, or the Co-operative Societies Act, 1912, or any other enactment for the time being in force whether within or without British India, relating to the incorporation of associations of individuals, shall be deemed to die when it is dissolved.]

**5.** Notwithstanding anything in section 15 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, no indorsement of a Government promissory note shall be valid unless made by the signature of the holder inscribed on the back of the security itself.

**6.** (1) In the case of any public office to which the <sup>2</sup>[Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], declare <sup>4</sup>this sub-section to apply, a Government security may be made or indorsed payable to or to the order of the holder of the office by the name of the office.

(2) When a Government security is made or indorsed as aforesaid, it shall be deemed to be transferred without any or further indorsement from each holder of the office to the succeeding holder of the office on and from the date on which the latter takes charge of the office.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Securities (Amendment) Act, 1928 (2 of 1928), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> For offices to which this sub-section has been applied, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. IV, pp. 530-534.

(3) When the holder of the office indorses to a third party a Government security made or indorsed as aforesaid, he shall subscribe the indorsement with his name and the name of the office.

(4) A writing on a Government security now or heretofore standing in the name of the holder of a public office, whereby the security has been or was made or indorsed payable to or to the order of the holder of the office by the name of the office, shall not be deemed to be or to have been invalid by reason only of the security having been so made or indorsed.

(5) This section applies as well to an office of which there are two or more joint holders as to an office of which there is a single holder.

**7.** Notwithstanding anything in the Negotiable Instruments Act, XXVI of 1881, the <sup>1</sup>[Government] may, in respect of any loan, issue to the ruler <sup>1881</sup> of any State in India Government securities in such form and subject to such conditions as to negotiability, succession and other matters as may be prescribed.

**8.** Notwithstanding anything in the Negotiable Instruments Act, XXVI of 1881, a person shall not, by reason only of his having indorsed a Government security, be liable to pay any money due, either as principal or as interest, thereunder.

**9. (1)** The signature of the person authorised to sign Government securities on behalf of the Government may be printed, engraved or lithographed, or impressed by such other mechanical process as the <sup>1</sup>[Government] may direct, on the securities.

(2) A signature so printed, engraved, lithographed or otherwise impressed shall be as valid as if it had been inscribed in the proper handwriting of the person so authorised.

*Issue of duplicate, renewed, converted, consolidated or sub-divided securities.*

**10. (1)** When a Government security is alleged to have been lost, <sup>2</sup>[stolen] or destroyed either wholly or in part, and a person claims to be the person to whom but for the loss, <sup>2</sup>[theft] or destruction it would be payable, he may, on application to the prescribed <sup>3</sup>[authority], and on producing proof to <sup>4</sup>[its] satisfaction of the loss, <sup>2</sup>[theft] or destruction and of the justice of the claim and on payment of the prescribed fee, if any, obtain from <sup>5</sup>[it] an order for—

(a) the payment of interest in respect of the security said to be lost, <sup>2</sup>[stolen] or destroyed pending the issue of a duplicate security; and

(b) the issue of a duplicate security payable to the applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Securities (Amendment) Act, 1927 (21 of 1927), s. 2.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Indian Securities (Amendment) Act, 1937 (28 of 1937), s. 2, for "officer".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 2, *ibid.*, for "his".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 2, *ibid.*, for "him".

(2) An order shall not be passed under sub-section (1) until after the issue of the prescribed notification of the loss, <sup>1</sup>[theft] or destruction.

(3) A list of the securities in respect of which an order is passed under sub-section (1) shall be published in the prescribed manner.

<sup>1</sup>[(4) If at any time before the Government becomes discharged under the provisions of this Act from liability in respect of any security the whole of which is alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, such security is found, any order passed in respect thereof under this section shall be cancelled.]

**11.** The holder of a bearer bond or other Government security payable to bearer may, on application to the prescribed <sup>2</sup>[authority], on delivery of the bearer bond or other security, and on payment of the prescribed fee, if any, obtain from such <sup>2</sup>[authority] a renewed bearer bond or other security, as the case may be. Renewal of  
bearer  
bonds.

**12.** Subject to the provisions of section 13, a person claiming to be entitled to a Government promissory note, may, on applying to the prescribed <sup>2</sup>[authority], and on satisfying <sup>3</sup>[it] of the justice of his claim and delivering the promissory note received in the prescribed manner, and paying the prescribed fee, if any, obtain from such <sup>2</sup>[authority] a renewed promissory note payable to him. Renewal of  
promissory  
notes.

Provided that, when application is made for the renewal of a Government promissory note which appears to the prescribed <sup>2</sup>[authority] to stand in the name of a deceased member of a Hindu undivided family governed by the *Mitakshara* law, a renewed promissory note shall not be issued to the applicant unless he furnishes a certificate signed by such authority and after such inquiry as may be prescribed to the effect that the deceased belonged to a Hindu undivided family governed by the *Mitakshara* law, that the promissory note formed part of the joint property of the family, and that the applicant is the managing or sole surviving male member of the family.

*Explanation.*—The expression “Hindu undivided family governed by the *Mitakshara* law” shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to include a Malabar *taruad*.

**13. (1)** Where there is a dispute as to the title to a Government promissory note in respect of which an application for renewal has been made, the prescribed <sup>2</sup>[authority] may— Renewal of  
promissory  
notes in case  
of dispute  
as to title.

(a) where any party to the dispute has obtained a final decision from a Court of competent jurisdiction declaring him to be entitled to such note, issue a renewed note in favour of such party, or

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Securities (Amendment) Act, 1927 (21 of 1927), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Indian Securities (Amendment) Act, 1937 (28 of 1937), ss. 3, 4 and 5, for “officer”.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 4, *ibid.*, for “him”.

- (b) refuse to renew the note until such a decision has been obtained, or
- (c) after such inquiry as is hereinafter provided and consideration of the result thereof, declare by order in writing which of the parties is in <sup>1</sup>[its] opinion entitled to such note and may, after the expiration of three months from the date of such declaration, issue a renewed note in favour of such party in accordance with the provisions of section 12, unless within that period <sup>2</sup>[it] has received notice that proceedings have been instituted by any person in a Court of competent jurisdiction for the purpose of establishing a title to such note.

*Explanation.*—For the purposes of this sub-section the expression “final decision” means a decision which is not appealable or a decision which is appealable but against which no appeal has been filed within the period of limitation allowed by law.

(2) For the purpose of the inquiry referred to in sub-section (1), the prescribed <sup>3</sup>[authority] may <sup>4</sup>[direct one of its officers to] record, or may request the District Magistrate to record or to have recorded, the whole or any part of such evidence as the parties may produce. When such request has been made to the District Magistrate, such Magistrate may himself record or may direct any Magistrate of the first-class subordinate to him, or any Magistrate of the second-class subordinate to him and empowered by general or special order of the <sup>5</sup>[Government] in this behalf, to record the evidence, and shall forward a copy thereof to the prescribed <sup>3</sup>[authority].

*Explanation.*—For the purposes of this sub-section, the District Magistrate means the District Magistrate having jurisdiction in the place where interest on the promissory note is payable and, where interest is payable at a presidency-town, the Chief Presidency Magistrate, or at a place in a State in India, the Political Agent.

(3) <sup>6</sup>[The officer of the prescribed authority] or any Magistrate acting under this section may, if he thinks fit, record evidence on oath.

**14.** Government securities other than those mentioned in sections 11 and 12 may be renewed in such circumstances and in such manner as may be prescribed.

**15.** (1) The prescribed <sup>7</sup>[authority] may, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, on the application of a person claiming to be entitled to a Government security or securities, on being satisfied

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Securities (Amendment) Act, 1937 (28 of 1937), s. 5, for “his”.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 5, *ibid.*, for “he”.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 5, *ibid.*, for “officer”.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 5, *ibid.*, for “himself”.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “L. G.”

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by Act 28 of 1937, s. 5, for “The prescribed officer”.

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for “officer”.

of the justice of the claim and on delivery of the security or securities received in the prescribed manner and on payment of the prescribed fee, if any, convert, consolidate or sub-divide the security or securities, and issue to the applicant a new security or securities accordingly.

(2) The conversion, consolidation or sub-division referred to in sub-section (1) may be into a security or securities of the same or different classes or of the same or different loans.

**16.** (1) When a renewed Government promissory note has been issued under section 12, or a new Government promissory note has been issued upon conversion, consolidation or sub-division under section 15, in favour of any person, the note so issued shall be deemed to constitute a new contract between the Government and such person and all persons deriving title thereafter through him.

(2) No such renewal, conversion, consolidation or sub-division shall affect the rights as against the Government of any other person to the security or securities so renewed, converted, consolidated or sub-divided.

#### *Discharge.*

**17.** On payment by or on behalf of the Government to the holder of a bearer bond or other Government security payable to bearer of the amount expressed therein on or after the date when it becomes due, or on renewal of a bearer bond or other security payable to bearer under section 11, or on renewal of a Government promissory note under section 13, or on conversion, consolidation or sub-division of a bearer bond or other security payable to bearer under section 15, the Government shall be discharged in the same way and to the same extent as if such bearer bond, promissory note or other security were a promissory note payable to bearer:

Provided that, in the case of a Government promissory note renewed under section 13, nothing in this section shall be deemed to bar a claim against the Government in respect of such note by any person who had no notice of the proceedings under that section, or who derives title through any such person.

**18.** Save as otherwise provided in this Act—

Discharge  
in other  
cases.

- (i) on payment of the amount due on a Government security on or after the date on which payment becomes due, or
- (ii) when a duplicate security has been issued under section 10, or
- (iii) when a renewed security has been issued under section 12 or section 13, or a new security or securities has or have been issued upon conversion, consolidation or sub-division under section 15,

the Government shall be discharged from all liability in respect of the

security or securities so paid or in place of which a duplicate, renewed, or new security or securities has or have been issued—

- (a) in the case of payment—after the lapse of six years from the date on which payment was due;
- (b) in the case of a duplicate security—after the lapse of six years from the date of the publication under sub-section (3) of section 10 of the list in which the security is first mentioned, or from the date of the last payment of interest on the original security, whichever date is later;
- (c) in the case of a renewed security or of a new security issued upon conversion, consolidation or sub-division—after the lapse of six years from the date of the issue thereof.

Discharge in respect of interest.

<sup>1</sup>[**18A.** Save as otherwise expressly provided in the terms of a Government security, no person shall be entitled to claim interest on any such security in respect of any period which has elapsed after the earliest date on which demand could have been made for the payment of the amount due on such security.]

#### *Summary procedure in certain cases.*

Procedure on death of holder of securities not exceeding an aggregate value of five thousand rupees.

**19.** (1) If within six months of the death of a person who was entitled to a Government security or securities (other than a security payable to bearer) the nominal or face value of which does not in the aggregate exceed five thousand rupees, probate of the will or letters of administration of the estate of such person or a certificate granted under the<sup>2</sup> Succession Certificate Act, 1889, is not produced to the prescribed VII of 1889.<sup>3</sup>[authority], such<sup>3</sup>[authority] may, after inquiry in the manner provided in sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 13, determine who is the person entitled to the security or securities or to administer the estate of the deceased, and may—

- (a) in the case of any such security relating to a loan due for repayment, authorise payment of the amount due thereon to such person; and
  - (b) in the case of any such security relating to a loan not due for repayment, authorise, in the case of a promissory note, the renewal of such promissory note in favour of such person, or, in the case of stock, the registration of the name of such person in substitution for the name of the deceased.
- (2) Upon the payment or renewal of any promissory note in accordance with sub-section (1), the Government shall be discharged from all liability in respect of the note so paid or renewed; and any substitution of names made in accordance with clause (b) of sub-section (1) shall, for the purposes of any claim against the Government, be

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Securities (Amendment) Act, 1927 (21 of 1927), s. 3.

<sup>2</sup> See now the Indian Succession Act, 1925 (39 of 1925).

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Indian Securities (Amendment) Act, 1937 (28 of 1937), s. 6, for “officer”.

deemed to have effected a valid transfer of the stock in respect of which it was made.

(3) Any creditor or claimant against the estate of the deceased may recover his debt or claim out of money paid to any person under sub-section (1) and remaining in his hands unadministered in the same manner and to the same extent as if the said person had obtained letters of administration of the estate of the deceased, and nothing in this section shall affect any claim of an executor or administrator or other representative of the deceased against such person other than a claim to recover amounts lawfully paid by him in due course of administration of the estate of the deceased.

*Securities held by minors and lunatics.*

**20.** Where a Government security stands in the name of or is held by a minor or a person who is insane and incapable of managing his affairs, the interest accruing thereon, or the capital sum payable in respect thereof on the maturity or discharge of the loan, shall, where, in the case of interest payable, the nominal value of the security, or in other cases the sum payable, does not exceed five thousand rupees, be paid in such manner as may be prescribed, and on any payment being so made, the Government shall, notwithstanding any provision of any enactment to the contrary, be discharged from all liability in respect thereof.

Payment in  
case of secu-  
rities held  
by minors  
and lunatics.

*Indemnity.*

**21.** Notwithstanding anything in section 10, 12, 13 or 15, the prescribed <sup>1</sup>[authority] may in any case arising under any of those sections—

- (i) issue a duplicate or renewed security or convert, consolidate or sub-divide a security or securities upon the applicant giving the prescribed indemnity against the claims of all persons claiming under the original security or under the security or securities so renewed, converted, consolidated or sub-divided, as the case may be, or
- (ii) refuse to issue a duplicate or renewed security or to convert, consolidate or sub-divide a security or securities unless such indemnity is given.

*Inspection of registers, books and documents.*

**22.** No person shall be entitled to inspect, or to receive information derived from, any Government security in the possession of the Government or from any book, register or other document kept or maintained by or on behalf of Government in relation to Government securities or any Government security, save in such circumstances and manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Securities (Amendment) Act, 1937 (28 of 1937), s. 6, for "officer".

*Penalty.***Penalty.**

**23.** (1) If any person, for the purpose of obtaining for himself or for any other person payment of interest or of the capital sum due in respect of any Government security, or the issue of a duplicate security, or the renewal, conversion, consolidation or sub-division of a Government security or securities, makes to any authority under this Act a statement which is false and which he either knows to be false or does not believe to be true, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.

(2) No Court shall take cognizance of any offence under sub-section (1) save on the complaint of the authority to whom the false statement was made.

*Rules.***Power to make rules.**

**24.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Government] may after previous publication make rules<sup>2</sup> to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) the manner in which payment of interest in respect of Government securities is to be made and acknowledged;
- (b) the circumstances in which Government securities must be renewed before further payment of interest thereon can be claimed;
- (c) the form in which and the conditions subject to which Government securities may be issued to the rulers of States in India;
- (d) the fees to be paid in respect of the issue of duplicate securities and of the renewal, conversion, consolidation and sub-division of Government securities;
- (e) the proof which is to be produced by persons applying for duplicate securities;
- (f) the form and manner of publication of the notification mentioned in sub-section (2) of section 10 and the manner of publication of the list mentioned in sub-section (3) of that section;
- (g) the <sup>3</sup>[authority which] is to exercise all or any of the powers and to perform all or any of the duties referred to in sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 19 and 21;
- (h) the manner of making the inquiry mentioned in the proviso to section 12;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> For such rules, see Gen. R. and O., Vol. IV, p. 534.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Indian Securities (Amendment) Act, 1937 (28 of 1937), s. 7, for "officer who".

- (i) the circumstances and the manner in which securities other than securities payable to bearer or promissory notes are to be renewed;
- (j) the form in which securities delivered for discharge, renewal, conversion, consolidation or sub-division are to be received;
- (k) the conditions subject to which securities may be converted, consolidated or sub-divided;
- (l) the person to whom and the manner in which payments are to be made in respect of Government securities standing in the name of, or held by, minors or persons who are insane and incapable of managing their affairs;
- (m) the taking of indemnities against adverse claims of third parties from persons who receive payment of interest or of the capital sum due in respect of Government securities, or who obtain duplicate, renewed, converted, consolidated or sub-divided securities;
- (n) the manner in which any document relating to Government securities or any indorsement on a Government promissory note may, on the demand of any person who from any cause is unable to write, be executed on his behalf;
- (o) enabling holders of Government stock to be described in the registers of such stock as trustees, and either as trustees of any particular trust or as trustees without qualification, and for the recognition of powers of attorney granted by holders of stock so described;
- (p) the holding of Government stock by the holders of offices other than public offices, and the manner in which and the conditions subject to which stock so held may be transferred;
- (q) the mode of attestation of documents relating to Government stock;
- (r) generally, all matters connected with the grant of duplicate, renewed, converted, consolidated and sub-divided securities; and
- (s) the circumstances and the manner in which and the conditions subject to which inspection of securities, books, registers and other documents may be allowed or information therefrom may be given under section 22.

(3) Nothing in any rule made under clauses (o) and (p) shall, as between any trustees or as between any trustees and the beneficiaries under a trust, be deemed to authorise the trustees to act otherwise than in accordance with the rules of law applying to the trust and the terms of the instrument constituting the trust; and neither the Government nor any person holding or acquiring any interest in any Government stock shall by reason only of any entry in any register maintained by or

*Charitable and Religious Trusts.* [1920: Act XIV.]

on behalf of the Government in relation to any Government stock or any stockholder, or of anything in any document relating to Government stock, be affected with notice of any trust or of the fiduciary character of any stockholder or of any fiduciary obligation attaching to the holding of any Government stock.

(4) Rules made under this section shall be published in the <sup>1</sup>[Official Gazette], and shall thereupon have effect as if enacted in this Act.

25. [Repeals.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

Provision as  
to Indian  
Securities.

<sup>2</sup>[26. For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that the rights of all persons in relation to Indian securities are to be determined, in connection with all such questions as are dealt with by this Act in relation to Government securities, by the law of British India.]

## THE CHARITABLE AND RELIGIOUS TRUSTS ACT, 1920.

Act No. XIV OF 1920.<sup>3</sup>

[20th March, 1920.]

An Act to provide more effectual control over the administration of Charitable and Religious Trusts.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide facilities for the obtaining of information regarding trusts created for public purposes of a charitable or religious nature, and to enable the trustees of such trusts to obtain the directions of a Court on certain matters, and to make special provision for the payment of the expenditure incurred in certain suits against the trustees of such trusts; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

I. (1) This Act may be called the Charitable and Religious Trusts Act, 1920.

(2) It extends<sup>4</sup> to the whole of British India:

Provided that the <sup>5</sup>[Government of any Province] may, by notification in the <sup>1</sup>[Official Gazette] direct that this Act, or any specified part

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1919, Pt. V, p. 88; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. V, p. 85, and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1919, Pt. VI, p. 879, and *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 49 and 787.

The provisions of this Act, in so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of the Bengal Wakf Act, 1934 (Ben. 13 of 1934), do not apply to any Wakf property in Bengal: see s. 81 of that Act.

\* This Act has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.; and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

thereof, shall <sup>1</sup>not extend to <sup>2</sup>[that Province or any specified area therein] or to any specified trust or class of trusts.

**2.** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject Interpretation or context, "the Court" means the Court of the District Judge <sup>3</sup>[or any other Court empowered in that behalf by the <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government]] and includes the High Court in the exercise of its ordinary original civil jurisdiction.

**3.** Save as hereinafter provided in this Act, any person having an interest in any express or constructive trust created or existing for a public purpose of a charitable or religious nature may apply by petition to the Court within the local limits of whose jurisdiction any substantial part of the subject-matter of the trust is situate to obtain an order embodying all or any of the following directions, namely:—

(1) directing the trustee to furnish the petitioner through the Court with particulars as to the nature and objects of the trust; and of the value, condition, management and application of the subject-matter of the trust, and of the income belonging thereto, or as to any of these matters, and

(2) directing that the accounts of the trust shall be examined and audited:

Provided that no person shall apply for any such direction in respect of accounts relating to a period more than three years prior to the date of the petition.

**4.** (1) The petition shall show in what way the petitioner claims to be interested in the trust, and shall specify, as far as may be, the particulars and the audit which he seeks to obtain.

(2) The petition shall be in writing and shall be signed and verified in the manner prescribed by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for signing and verifying plaints.

**5.** (1) If the Court on receipt of a petition under section 3, after taking such evidence and making such inquiry, if any, as it may consider necessary, is of opinion that the trust to which the petition relates is a trust to which this Act applies, and that the petitioner has an interest therein, it shall fix a date for the hearing of the petition, and shall cause a copy thereof, together with notice of the date so fixed, to be served on the trustee and upon any other person to whom in its opinion notice of the petition should be given.

(2) On the date fixed for the hearing of the petition, or on any subsequent date to which the hearing may be adjourned, the Court shall proceed to hear the petitioner and the trustee, if he appears, and any other

<sup>1</sup> For notification directing that this Act shall not extend to the N.-W. F. P., see Gen. R. and O., Vol. IV, p. 563.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "any specified Province or area".

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Charitable and Religious Trusts (Amendment) Act, 1923 (41 of 1923), s. 2.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

person who has appeared in consequence of the notice, or who it considers ought to be heard, and shall make such further inquiries, if any, as it thinks fit. The trustee may and, if so required by the Court, shall, at the time of the first hearing or within such time as the Court may permit, present a written statement of his case. If he does present a written statement, the statement shall be signed and verified in the manner prescribed by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for signing V of 1908, and verifying pleadings.

(3) If any person appears at the hearing of the petition and either denies the existence of the trust or denies that it is a trust to which this Act applies, and undertakes to institute within three months a suit for a declaration to that effect and for any other appropriate relief, the Court shall order a stay of the proceedings and, if such suit is so instituted, shall continue the stay, until the suit is finally decided.

(4) If no such undertaking is given, or if after the expiry of the three months no such suit has been instituted, the Court shall itself decide the question.

(5) On completion of the inquiry provided for in sub-section (2), the Court shall either dismiss the petition or pass thereon such other order as it thinks fit:

Provided that, where a suit has been instituted in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (3), no order shall be passed by the Court which conflicts with the final decision therein.

(6) Save as provided in this section, the Court shall not try or determine any question of title between the petitioner and any person claiming title adversely to the trust.

**Failure of trustee to comply with order under section 5.**

6. If a trustee without reasonable excuse fails to comply with an order made under sub-section (5) of section 5, such trustee shall, without prejudice to any other penalty or liability which he may incur under any law for the time being in force, be deemed to have committed a breach of trust affording ground for a suit under the provisions of section 92 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908; and any such suit V of 1908, may, so far as it is based on such failure, be instituted without the previous consent of the Advocate General.

**Powers of trustee to apply for directions.**

7. (1) Save as hereinafter provided in this Act, any trustee of an express or constructive trust created or existing for public purpose of a charitable or religious nature may apply by petition to the Court, within the local limits of whose jurisdiction any substantial part of the subject-matter of the trust is situate, for the opinion, advice or direction of the Court on any question affecting the management or administration of the trust property, and the Court shall give its opinion, advice or direction, as the case may be, thereon:

Provided that the Court shall not be bound to give such opinion, advice or direction on any question which it considers to be a question not proper for summary disposal.

(2) The Court on a petition under sub-section (1), may either give its opinion, advice or direction thereon forthwith, or fix a date for the hearing of the petition, and may direct a copy thereof, together with notice of the date so fixed, to be served on such of the persons interested in the trust, or to be published for information in such manner, as it thinks fit.

(3) On any date fixed under sub-section (2) or on any subsequent date to which the hearing may be adjourned, the Court, before giving any opinion, advice or direction, shall afford a reasonable opportunity of being heard to all persons appearing in connection with the petition.

(4) A trustee stating in good faith the facts of any matter relating to the trust in a petition under sub-section (1), and acting upon the opinion, advice or direction of the Court given thereon, shall be deemed, as far as his own responsibility is concerned, to have discharged his duty as such trustee in the matter in respect of which the petition was made.

**8.** The costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to any petition, and all proceedings in connection therewith, under the foregoing provisions of this Act, shall be in the discretion of the Court, which may direct the whole or any part of any such costs, charges and expenses to be met from the property or income of the trust in respect of which the petition is made, or to be borne and paid in such manner and by such persons as it thinks fit:

Provided that no such order shall be made against any person (other than the petitioner) who has not received notice of the petition and had a reasonable opportunity of being heard thereon.

**9.** No petition under the foregoing provisions of this Act in relation to any trust shall be entertained in any of the following circumstances, namely:—

- V of 1908. (a) if a suit instituted in accordance with the provisions of section 92 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, is pending in respect of the trust in question;
- XXI of 1860. (b) if the trust property is vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments, the Administrator-General, the Official Trustee, or any Society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860; or
- (c) if a scheme for the administration of the trust property has been settled or approved by any Court of competent jurisdiction, or by any other authority acting under the provisions of any enactment.

XX of 1863.  
V of 1908.

**10. (1)** In any suit instituted under section 14 of the Religious Endowments Act, 1863, or under section 92 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, the Court trying such suit may, if, on application of the plaintiff and after hearing the defendant and making such inquiry as it thinks fit, it is satisfied that such an order is necessary in the public interest, make an order for the payment of the costs of the suit to the plaintiff, and for the payment of the costs of the suit to the defendant, as the Court may determine.

Power of Courts as to costs in certain suits against trustees of charitable trusts.

and religious trusts. interest, direct the defendant either to furnish security for any expenditure incurred or likely to be incurred by the plaintiff in instituting and maintaining such suit, or to deposit from any money in his hands as trustees of the trust to which the suit relates such sum as such Court considers sufficient to meet such expenditure in whole or in part.

(2) When any money has been deposited in accordance with an order made under sub-section (1), the Court may make over to the plaintiff the whole or any part of such sum for the conduct of the suit. Before making over any sum to the plaintiff, the Court shall take security from the plaintiff for the refund of the same in the event of such refund being subsequently ordered by the Court.

Provisions of  
the Code of  
Civil Proce-  
dure to  
apply.

**11.** (1) The provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, relating to—<sup>V of 1908.</sup>

- (a) the proof of facts by affidavit,
- (b) the enforcing of the attendance of any person and his examination on oath,
- (c) the enforcing of the production of documents, and
- (d) the issuing of commissions,

shall apply to all proceedings under this Act, and the provisions relating to the service of summonses shall apply to the service of notices thereunder.

(2) The provisions of the said Code relating to the execution of decrees shall, so far as they are applicable, apply to the execution of orders under this Act.

Barring of  
appeals.

**12.** No appeal shall lie from any order passed or against any opinion, advice or direction given under this Act.<sup>1</sup>

## THE INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY ACT, 1920.

ACT NO. XV OF 1920.<sup>2</sup>

[20th March, 1920.]

### An Act to constitute an Indian Red Cross Society.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the future administration of the various monies and gifts received from the public for the purpose of medical and other aid to the sick and wounded, and other purposes of a like nature during the late war, and more especially for the administration of the monies and property held by a Committee known as the Joint War Committee, Indian Branch, of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England and the British Red Cross Society;

<sup>1</sup> In the application of this Act to Bengal, a new s. 13 providing that the provisions of this Act shall not, so far as they are inconsistent with those of the Bengal Wakf Act, 1934 (Ben. 13 of 1934), apply to any Wakf property in Bengal, has been ins.: see s. 81, *ibid.*

<sup>2</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 83; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 511 and 830.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to constitute an Indian Red Cross Society with a view to the continuation in peace time, on a wider basis and with a wider purpose, of the work carried on by the said Committee during the war, and to provide for the affiliation therewith of other societies and bodies having similar objects;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Red Cross Society Act, Short title and extent. 1920.

(2) It extends<sup>1</sup> to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan, the Sonthal Parganas and the District of Angul.

2. There shall be constituted by this Act a Society to be known as Constitution of Indian Red Cross Society. The first members of the Society shall be nominated by persons who immediately before the commencement of this Act were members of the Joint War Committee, Indian Branch, of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England and the British Red Cross Society (hereinafter called the Committee) at a meeting to be summoned and held for that purpose in accordance with the usual practice of the Committee within three months from the commencement of this Act. The number of members to be so nominated shall not be less than twenty-five or more than fifty.

3. The Committee shall also at the same meeting appoint from among the members nominated under section 2 the Managing Body of the Society (hereinafter called the Managing Body), the members of which shall hold office as such until a new Managing Body is appointed as hereinafter provided. The number of members of the Managing Body shall not be less than ten or more than thirty.

4. The first members of the Society and all persons who may hereafter become members thereof so long as they continue so to be, are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of the Indian Red Cross Society, and the said body shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with power to hold and acquire property, moveable and immoveable, and shall sue and be sued by the said name.

5. The Managing Body shall, within six months from the commencement of this Act and subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules<sup>2</sup> for the management, control and procedure of the Society. The rules may provide among other matters for the following, namely:—

- (a) the conditions of membership of the Society;
- (b) the appointment and term of office of members of the Managing Body;
- (c) the choice of representatives on international and other Committees;

<sup>1</sup> This Act has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch., and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

<sup>2</sup> For such rules, see Gen. R. and O., Vol. IV, p. 564.

- (d) representation on the Managing Body of Provincial and State Branch Committees and affiliated societies and bodies;
- (e) the constitution of Finance, Medical and other Committees and the delegation of powers to them; and
- (f) the regulation of the procedure generally of the Society and Managing Body.

Dissolution  
and transfer  
of property  
of Joint War  
Committee.

**6.** Upon the nomination of the first members of the Society and the appointment of the Managing Body—

- (a) the Committee shall be dissolved;
- (b) all property, moveable or immoveable, of or belonging to the Committee shall vest in the Society and shall be applied by the Managing Body to the objects and purposes hereinafter set out; and
- (c) all the debts and liabilities of the Committee shall be transferred to the Society, and shall thereafter be discharged and satisfied by it out of the aforesaid property, and each and every member of the Committee shall be wholly discharged therefrom.

**7.** Notwithstanding anything contained in any appeal for subscriptions or gifts to or for the purposes of the Committee, the Managing Body may in its discretion apply—

- (a) either the corpus of the income or any part of such corpus or income of any property vested in it under clause (b) of section 6 for the relief of sickness, suffering or distress caused by the operation of war in India or in any other country in which Expeditionary Forces from India may, from time to time, be employed and for purposes cognate to that object and in maintaining Red Cross Depôts for military purposes;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of section 8 the income only of any such property but not the corpus or any part thereof for the relief of sickness or suffering in India, whether due to the operation of war or not, or in pursuance of any of the objects set forth in the First Schedule.

Constitution  
of Branch  
Committees.

<sup>1</sup>[**8. (1)**] If Branch Committees consisting of members of the Society are constituted in any of the Provinces, States and other parts of India specified in the Second Schedule, then, subject to the requirements of the Managing Body for the purposes of clause (a) of section 7 and any provision for expenses of management, the income of the property which has been vested in the Society under clause (b) of section 6 shall be distributed annually among such Branch Committees in the proportion shown in the said Schedule, to be expended by them and at their discretion upon all or any of the objects referred to in clause (b) of section 7.

<sup>1</sup>The original s. 8 was re-numbered as sub-section (1) of that section by s. 2 of the Indian Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1937 (17 of 1937).

<sup>1</sup>[(2) The Governor General in Council may, by notification in the Gazette of India, direct that any Province, State or other part of India specified in the first column of the Second Schedule shall be excluded therefrom or that any Province, State or other part of India not specified therein shall be included therein and that the percentages specified in the third column of the said Schedule shall be varied as required by any such exclusion or inclusion.

(3) On the issue of a notification under sub-section (2) the Second Schedule shall be deemed to be amended in accordance with such notification.

(4) No notification under sub-section (2) shall be made without the consent of every Branch Committee constituted in the Provinces, States and other parts of India for the time being included in the Second Schedule.]

9. The Managing Body may also affiliate to the Society any other society or body having all or any of the objects and purposes referred to in section 7, and may provide for the allocation and distribution of funds, through such society or body, to or for any such objects or purposes.

10. The Managing Body shall have authority to determine in all cases what matters properly fall within the scope of clause (b) of section 7, and its decision in all such matters shall be binding on all Branch Committees and affiliated societies or bodies.

11. The Managing Body may also receive and hold gifts of whatsoever description either for the general purposes of the Society or for any particular purpose for which the corpus or income of the property vested in it under clause (b) of section 6 may be applied under the provisions of section 7, and on receipt of such gifts may, subject to the provisions of rules made under section 5, apply the same to such purposes, either directly or through Branch Committees, or societies or bodies affiliated under section 9.

12. Subject to the provisions of rules made under section 5, each Branch Committee shall have all power to regulate its own procedure and constitution, to receive gifts and expend all monies received by it for its purposes, either directly or through other societies or bodies.

## FIRST SCHEDULE.

(See section 7.)

*Objects to which the funds of the Society may be applied.*

(1) The care of the sick and wounded men of His Majesty's Forces, whether still on the active list or demobilised.

(2) The care of those suffering from tuberculosis, having regard in the first place to soldiers and sailors, whether they have contracted the disease on active service or not.

<sup>1</sup> Sub-sections (2) to (4) were added by s. 2 of the Indian Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1937 (17 of 1937).

(3) Child welfare.

(4) Work parties to provide the necessary garments, etc., for hospitals and health institutions in need of them.

(5) Assistance required in all branches of nursing, health and welfare work, ancillary to any organisations which have or may come into being in India and which are recognised by the Society.

(6) Home Service Ambulance Work.

(7) Provision of comforts and assistance to members of His Majesty's Forces, whether on the active list or demobilised.

(8) Such other cognate objects as may, from time to time, be approved by the Society.

(9) The expenses of management of the Society and its branches and affiliated societies and bodies.

(10) The representation of the Society on or at International or other Committees formed for furthering objects similar to those of the Society.

#### <sup>1</sup>[SECOND SCHEDULE.

(See section 8.)

*Statement showing contributions made by Provinces and States in India to the Central "Our Day" Fund and the approximate percentage of their claim on the interest on the Capital Fund of the Joint War Committee, Indian Branch.*

Names of Provinces, States, etc.	Amount of contribution.	Approximate percentage of claim on the interest of Capital Fund.
United Provinces . . . . .	Lakhs. 15	18·70
Bombay . . . . .		8·15
Western India States . . . . .	{ 10	3·14
Sind . . . . .		1·25
Bengal . . . . .	10	12·54
Punjab . . . . .	11	13·47
Central Provinces . . . . .	4	4·87
Bihar . . . . .	4½	5·74
Orissa . . . . .	1	1·08
Madras . . . . .	5½	7·25
Rajputana . . . . .	4	4·87
Central India . . . . .	3½	3·80
Gwalior . . . . .	1½	1·62
North-West Frontier . . . . .	2½	2·70
Hyderabad (Deccan) . . . . .	3	3·80
Assam . . . . .	1½	1·62
Baluchistan . . . . .	1½	1·62
Mysore . . . . .	1½	1·62
Kashmir . . . . .	1	1·08
Baroda . . . . .	½	.54
Delhi . . . . .	½	.54

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1937 (17 of 1937), s. 3, for the original Schedule.

## THE JAGANNATH COLLEGE ACT, 1920.

Act No. XVI OF 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[20th March, 1920.]

## An Act to transfer the Jagannath College at Dacca from Trustees to the Governor of Bengal in Council.

WHEREAS by a deed of trust dated the first day of March, 1907 (hereinafter referred to as the principal deed), Kishori Lal Ray Chaudhuri, a zemindar of Dacca, transferred the institution at Dacca known as the Jagannath College, together with certain leasehold land, buildings and moveable property therein particularly referred to and described to Rai Chandra Kumar Dutt Bahadur, Ananda Chandra Ray and himself, and appointed them and himself as trustees, for the purposes, *inter alia*, of maintaining and managing the said institution in the manner and upon the terms set out in the principal deed;

AND WHEREAS the said Kishori Lal Ray Chaudhuri died on the third day of June, 1909;

AND WHEREAS by a further deed of trust, dated the twenty-fourth day of August, 1909, the said Rai Chandra Kumar Dutt Bahadur and Ananda Chandra Ray, as the then surviving trustees under the principal deed in pursuance of the authority therein contained, appointed Jasoda Lal Ray Chaudhuri, Kumar Ranendra Narayan Chaudhuri and Dinesh Chundra Ray Chaudhuri to be trustees jointly with them the said Rai Chandra Kumar Dutt Bahadur and Ananda Chandra Ray (all of which persons collectively are hereinafter referred to as the trustees), for the purposes aforesaid, and transferred to the trustees, in addition to the said institution and the properties hereinbefore referred to certain other land therein particularly referred to and described;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient, in connection with the incorporation of the University of Dacca, to put an end to the said trusts and to vest the said institution and properties in the Governor of Bengal in Council;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Jagannath College Act, 1920. Short title and commencement.
- (2) It shall come into force on such date as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], direct.

2. (1) From the commencement of this Act, the institution heretofore known as the Jagannath College at Dacca, together with the leasehold and other land described in Parts I and II of the Schedule and all buildings and other erections standing or being thereon, and all moveable properties, funds, monies, rights and powers which, immediately before
- Transfer of  
Jagannath  
College with  
certain pro-  
perties to  
the Pro-  
vincial  
Government.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 96; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, Pt. VI, pp. 732 and 853.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

the commencement of this Act, were vested in or held by the trustees as such for the purposes of the principal deed, shall be transferred to, and shall be vested in and held by, <sup>1</sup>[the Crown, for the purposes of the Province of Bengal].

(2) All debts and liabilities of the Jagannath College shall, from the commencement of this Act, be transferred to the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government], which shall thereafter discharge and satisfy all such debts and liabilities out of the aforesaid properties.

**Indemnities.** 3. (1) No suit shall be instituted against the <sup>2</sup>[Crown] or against any officer <sup>3</sup>[of the Crown] in respect of anything done or purporting to be done under this Act, or in respect of any alleged neglect or omission to perform any duty devolving upon the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] under this Act, or in respect of the exercise of, or failure to exercise, any power conferred on it by this Act.

(2) No suit shall lie against the trustees, or any of them, in respect of anything done or purporting to be done under this Act or for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

## THE SCHEDEULE.

(See section 2.)

### PART I.

A piece of valid *lakheraj* land in mahallah Patuataly within the city of Dacca and under the jurisdiction of the town police-station, bounded and butted on the south by the public road, now named as Lyall Road, and by the buildings belonging to the late Gouranga Hari De and to the late Ramsunder Basak, which formerly belonged to Mr. J. P. Wise and to Babu Ruplal Das and to Kunja Behari Gope, which formerly belonged to Durgamony and to the late Govinda Shaha. And on the east by the premises belonging to the East Bengal Brahmo Somaj and by the western wall of the premises belonging to Jagat Sundari and by a portion of the western wall of the premises occupied by the Pogose School. And on the north by the southern wall of the premises occupied by the said Pogose School and by the building belonging to Babus Ruplal and Raghu Nath Das and others. And on the west by a portion of the lane known as Kaviraja's Lane and by the premises belonging to Babu Kailash Chandra Das, which formerly belonged to the late Broja Chandra Mazumdar and by the premises now belonging to Rajani Kanta Gupta and by the premises belonging to Gourang Govinda Shaha, together with and containing (a) one two-storied building facing towards the south and

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the Governor of Bengal in Council (hereinafter referred to as the L. G.)".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "of Govt."

running from east to west, and (b) one one-storied building to the north-east of the said two-storied building and also facing towards the south and running from east to west which two buildings are now mainly used by the aforesaid school, and (c) a walled enclosure, used as a privy by students, lying in the corner between the premises of Babus Ruplal and Raghu Nath and others and the aforesaid western wall of the said Pogose School. All these buildings are standing upon the said land. The premises is numbered now as 59 in the register of the Dacca Municipality.

This property is held subject to the terms of a registered lease dated the 9th day of February, 1887, between Rebati Mohan Basak and others of the one part and Kishori Lal Ray Chaudhuri of the other part.

## PART II.

A piece of valid *lakheraj* land in the city of Dacca, within the jurisdiction of the sadar police-station and Sub-Registry office, under thak No. 216, being holding No. 157 of the Dacca Municipality, bounded on the immediate south by the lands of Rash Behari Basak, Lal Mohan Basak and others and the Brahmo Somaj, on the immediate north by the premises of the Pogose School and the lane leading to the Small Cause Court and Pogose School, on the immediate west by the leasehold house of Ram Charan and Krishna Charan Basak, i.e., by the present premises of the Jagannath College, and on the immediate east by the public road containing open lands with masonry walls and sheds, etc.

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ACT NO. XVIII OF 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[23rd March, 1920.]

## An Act to establish and incorporate a unitary teaching and residential University at Dacca.

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish and incorporate a unitary teaching and residential University at Dacca; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**Short title and commencement.**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Dacca University Act, 1920.

(2) It shall, save as otherwise expressly provided herein, come into force on such date as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], direct.

**Definitions.**

2. In this Act, and in all Statutes made hereunder, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) "Hall" means a unit of residence for students of the University provided or maintained by the University;

(b) "Hostel" means a unit of residence for students of the University provided otherwise than by the University, and not maintained by the University but approved and licensed by the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

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(d) "Provost" means the head of a Hall;

(e) "registered graduates" means graduates registered under the provisions of this Act;

(f) "Statutes," "Ordinances" and "Regulations" mean, respectively, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University for the time being in force;

(g) "teachers" includes Professors, Readers, <sup>5</sup>[Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers];

(h) "University" means the University of Dacca; and

(i) "Warden" means the head of a Hostel.

*The University.*

**The University.**

3. (1) The first Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the University and the first members of the Court, the Executive Council and the

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1919, Pt. V, p. 111; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. V, p. 99; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1919, Pt. VI, p. 961 and *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 761 and 855.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> Cl. (c) rep. by the A. O.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the Dacca University (Amendment) Act, 1928 (Ben. 2 of 1928), s. 2, for "and Lecturers".

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Academic Council and all persons who may hereafter become such officers or members, so long as they continue to hold such office or membership, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the University of Dacca.

(2) The University shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, and shall sue and be sued by the said name.

4. The University shall have the following powers, namely:—

Powers of  
the Univer-  
sity.

(1) to provide for instruction in such branches of learning as the University may think fit, and to make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge,

(2) to hold examinations and to grant and confer degrees and other academic distinctions to and on persons who—

(a) shall have pursued a course of study <sup>1</sup>[provided by] the University, or

(b) are teachers in educational institutions,

under conditions laid down in the Ordinances and Regulations, and shall have passed the examinations of the University, under like conditions,

(3) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved persons in the manner laid down in the Statutes,

(4) to grant such diplomas to and to provide such lectures and instruction for persons, not being <sup>2</sup>[students] of the University, as the University may determine,

(5) to co-operate with other Universities and authorities in such manner and for such purposes as the University may determine,

(6) to institute Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships and any other teaching posts required by the University, and to appoint persons to such Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships and posts,

(7) to institute and award Fellowships, Scholarships, Exhibitions and Prizes in accordance with the Statutes and the Regulations,

(8) to institute and maintain Halls for the residence of students of the University, and to approve and license Hostels maintained by other persons for the residence of such students,

(9) to demand and receive such fees as may be prescribed in the Ordinances,

(10) to supervise and control the residence and discipline of students of the University, and to make arrangements for promoting their health, and

(11) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the University as a teaching and examining body, and to cultivate and promote arts, science and other branches of learning.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Dacca University (Amendment) Act, 1928 (B. 2 of 1928), s. 3, for "in".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 3, *ibid.*, for "members".

(*The University. Visitation.*)

University open to all classes, castes and creeds.

5. The University shall be open to all persons of either sex and of whatever race, creed or class, and it shall not be lawful for the University to adopt or impose on any person any test whatsoever of religious belief or profession in order to entitle him to be admitted thereto as a teacher or student, or to hold any office therein, or to graduate thereat, or to enjoy or exercise any privilege thereof, except where such test is specially prescribed by the Statutes, or, in respect of any particular benefaction accepted by the University where such test is made a condition thereof, by any testamentary or other instrument creating such benefaction:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent religious instruction being given in the manner prescribed by the Ordinances to those not unwilling to receive it by persons (whether teachers of the University or not) approved for that purpose by the Executive Council.

Teaching of the University.

6. (1) All recognised teaching in connection with the University courses shall be conducted by the University, and shall include lecturing,  
<sup>1</sup>[work in the laboratories or workshops] and other teaching conducted  
<sup>2\*</sup> \* \* \* by the Professors, Readers, Lecturers and other teachers thereof <sup>3</sup>[in the manner provided by the Ordinances].

(2) The authorities responsible for organising such teaching shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

(3) The courses and curricula shall be prescribed by the Ordinances and the Regulations.

<sup>4</sup>[(4) Recognised teaching shall be supplemented by tutorial instruction given in accordance with the conditions provided by the Ordinances and Regulations.]

(5) It shall not be lawful for the University to conduct courses or maintain classes for the purpose of preparing students for admission to the University.

#### *Visitation.*

Visitation.

5[7. (1) The Provincial Government shall have the right to cause an inspection to be made by such person or persons as it may direct of the University, its buildings, laboratories and equipment, and of any institutions associated with the University, and also of the examinations, teaching and other work conducted or done by the University, and to cause an inquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter connected with the University.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Dacca University (Amendment) Act, 1928 (Ben. 2 of 1928), s. 4, for "laboratory work".

<sup>2</sup> The words "in the University" rep. by s. 4, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 4, *ibid.*, for "in accordance with any syllabus prescribed by the Regulations".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 4, *ibid.*, for the original sub-section.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original section.

## (Visitation. Officers of the University.)

The Provincial Government shall in every case give notice to the University of its intention to cause an inspection or inquiry to be made, and the University shall be entitled to be represented thereat.

(2) The Provincial Government shall communicate to the Executive Council its views with reference to the results of any such inspection or inquiry, and shall, after ascertaining the opinion of the Executive Council thereon, advise the University upon the action to be taken.

(3) The Executive Council shall report to the Provincial Government the action, if any, which is proposed to be taken or has been taken upon the results of the inspection or inquiry.

(4) Where the Executive Council does not, within a reasonable time, take action to the satisfaction of the Provincial Government, the Governor, exercising his individual judgment, may, after considering any explanation furnished or representation made by the Executive Council, issue such directions as he may, exercising his individual judgment, think fit, and the Executive Council shall comply with those directions.]

*Officers of the University.*

## 8. The following shall be the officers of the University:—

Officers of the University.

- (I) The Chancellor,
- (II) The Vice-Chancellor,
- (III) The Treasurer,
- (IV) The Provosts,
- (V) The Registrar,
- (VI) The Deans of the Faculties, and
- (VII) Such other officers as may be declared by the Statutes to be officers of the University.

9. (1) The Chancellor shall be the Governor of Bengal. He shall be the head of the University and the President of the Court, and shall when present preside at meetings of the Court and at any Convocation of the University.

(2) The Chancellor shall have such powers as may be conferred on him by this Act or the Statutes.

(3) Every proposal for the conferment of an honorary degree shall be subject to the confirmation of the Chancellor.

(4) The Chancellor shall, where committees of selection for Professorships and Readerships are constituted in British India, appoint in the manner prescribed by the Statutes one or more members of every such committee.

10. (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor after consideration of the recommendations of the Executive Council, and shall hold office for such term and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(2) Where any temporary vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor occurs by reason of leave, illness or other cause, the Executive Council

shall forthwith report the same to the Chancellor, who shall make such arrangements for carrying on the office of the Vice-Chancellor as he may think fit.

Powers and  
duties of the  
Vice-  
Chancellor.

**11.** (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a wholetime officer of the University. He shall be the principal executive and academic officer of the University, and shall, in the absence of the Chancellor, preside at meetings of the Court and at any Convocation of the University. He shall be an *ex-officio* member and Chairman of the Executive Council and of the Academic Council, and shall be entitled to be present and to speak at any meeting of any authority or other body of the University, but shall not be entitled to vote thereat, unless he is a member of the authority or body concerned.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to see that this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances are faithfully observed, and he shall have all powers necessary for this purpose.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall have power to convene meetings of the Court, the Executive Council and the Academic Council.

(4) In any emergency which, in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor, requires that immediate action should be taken, the Vice-Chancellor shall take such action as he deems necessary, and shall within seven days thereafter report his action to the officer, authority or other body who or which in the ordinary course would have dealt with the matter.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor shall give effect to the orders of the Executive Council regarding the appointment, dismissal and suspension of the officers and teachers of the University, and shall exercise general control over the members of the University. He shall be responsible for the discipline of the University in accordance with this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances.

(6) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.

The Treas-  
urer.

**12.** (1) The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Chancellor upon such conditions and for such period, and shall receive such remuneration (if any) from the funds of the University, as the Chancellor shall deem fit.

(2) Where any temporary vacancy in the office of the Treasurer occurs by reason of leave, illness or other cause, the Executive Council shall forthwith report the same to the Chancellor, who shall make such arrangements for carrying on the office of the Treasurer as he may think fit.

(3) The Treasurer shall exercise general supervision over the funds of the University, and shall advise in regard to its financial policy.

(4) He shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Executive Council, and shall, subject to the control of the Executive Council, manage the property and investments of the University. He shall be responsible for the presentation of the annual estimates and statement of accounts.

## (Officers of the University. Authorities of the University.)

(5) Subject to the powers of the Executive Council, he shall be responsible for seeing that all monies are expended on the purpose for which they are granted or allotted.

(6) All contracts shall be signed by the Treasurer on behalf of the University.

(7) He shall exercise such other powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.

**13.** The Registrar shall act as Secretary of the Court and the Executive Council. He shall maintain a register of registered graduates in accordance with the Statutes, and shall exercise such other powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.

**14.** The powers of officers of the University other than the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Treasurer and the Registrar, shall be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.

*Authorities of the University.*

**15.** The following shall be the authorities of the University:—

- I. The Court,
- II. The Executive Council,
- III. The Academic Council,
- IV. The Faculties, and
- V. Such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be authorities of the University.

Authorities  
of the  
University.

**16. (I)** The Court shall consist of the following persons, namely:— The Court.

*Class I.—Ex-officio members.*

- (i) The Chancellor,
- (ii) The Vice-Chancellor,
- (iii) The Treasurer,
- (iv) The Registrar,
- (v) The Provosts and Wardens,
- (vi) The Professors and Readers, and
- (vii) such other *ex-officio* members as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

*Class II.—Other members.*

- (viii) Graduates of the University elected by the registered graduates from among their own body,
- (ix) five Lecturers elected by the teachers of the University,
- (x) persons appointed by the Chancellor <sup>1</sup>[including persons appointed to represent Assam],

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<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>2</sup> Cl. (xi) rep. by the A. O.

## (Authorities of the University.)

- (xii) ten persons appointed by associations or other bodies approved in this behalf by the Chancellor, and
- (xiii) persons (if any) appointed by the Chancellor to be life-members on the ground that they have rendered great services to education or have made substantial donations to the University.

(2) The number of members to be elected or appointed under clauses (viii) and (x) and the tenure of office of members to be elected or appointed under clauses (viii), (x), <sup>1\*</sup> and (xii) of sub-section (1) shall be prescribed by the Statutes, and the manner of voting for the election of members to be elected under clauses (viii) and (ix) of sub-section (1) shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

**Meetings of the Court.**

**17.** (1) The Court shall, on a date to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor, meet once a year at a meeting to be called the annual meeting of the Court.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor may, whenever he thinks fit, and shall, upon a requisition in writing signed by not less than thirty members of the Court, convene a special meeting of the Court.

**Powers and duties of the Court.**

**18.** Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Court shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties, namely:—

- (a) of making Statutes, and of amending or repealing the same,
- (b) of considering and cancelling Ordinances, and
- (c) of considering and passing resolutions on the annual report, the annual accounts and the financial estimates,

and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by this Act or the Statutes.

**The Executive Council.**

**19.** The Executive Council shall be the executive body of the University, and its constitution and the terms of office of its members, other than *ex-officio* members, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

**Powers and duties of the Executive Council.****20. The Executive Council—**

- (a) shall hold, control and administer the property and funds of the University, and for these purposes shall appoint from among its own members a Finance Committee to advise it on matters of finance. The Treasurer shall be Chairman of the Finance Committee, and at least one member of the Committee shall be a member elected to the Executive Council by the Court;
- (b) shall direct the form, custody and use of the Common Seal of the University;
- (c) shall, subject to the powers conferred by this Act on the Vice-Chancellor, regulate and determine all matters concerning the University in accordance with this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances:

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<sup>1</sup> The brackets and the figures "(xi)" rep. by the A. O.

(*Authorities of the University.*)

Provided that no action shall be taken by the Executive Council in respect of the fees paid to examiners and the emoluments of teachers <sup>1</sup>[without consulting the Academic Council];

- (d) shall lay before the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] annually a full statement of all the requests received by it for financial assistance from any institution associated with the University, together with its views thereon;
- (e) shall administer any funds placed at the disposal of the University for specific purposes;
- (f) save as otherwise provided by this Act or the Statutes, shall appoint the officers (other than the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and the Treasurer), teachers, clerical staff and servants of the University, and shall define their duties and the conditions of their service, and shall provide for the filling of temporary vacancies in their posts;
- (g) shall have power to accept transfers of any moveable or immoveable property on behalf of the University;
- (h) shall publish the results of the University examinations;
- (i) shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by this Act or the Statutes; and
- (j) shall exercise all other powers of the University not otherwise provided for by this Act or the Statutes.

**21.** The Academic Council shall be the academic body of the University, and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances, have the control and general regulation, and be responsible for the maintenance of standards of instruction, education and examination within the University, and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the Statutes. It shall have the right to advise the Executive Council on all academic matters. The constitution of the Academic Council and the term of office of its members, other than *ex-officio* members, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

**22.** (1) The University shall include the Faculties of Arts, Science, Law, Medicine and Agriculture, and such other Faculties (whether formed by the sub-division or combination of an existing Faculty or Faculties, or by the creation of a new Faculty or otherwise) as may be prescribed by the Statutes. Each Faculty shall, subject to the control of the Academic Council, have charge of the teaching and the courses of study and the research work in such subjects as may be assigned to such Faculty by the Ordinances.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Dacca University (Amendment) Act, 1928 (Ben. 2 of 1928), s. 5, for "otherwise than on the recommendation of the Academic Council".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

(Authorities of the University. University Boards. Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations.)

(2) The constitution and powers of the Faculties shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

(3) There shall be a Dean of each Faculty, who shall be elected in the manner laid down in sub-section (6); and shall be responsible for the due observance of the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations relating to the Faculty.

(4) Each Faculty shall comprise such Departments of teaching as may be prescribed by the Ordinances. The head of every such Department shall be the Professor of the Department or, if there is no Professor, the Reader. If there is more than one Professor or more than one Reader of a Department, as the case may be, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint such Professor or Reader to be head of the Department as he thinks fit. The head of the Department shall be responsible to the Dean for the organisation of the teaching in that Department.

(5) The Ordinances shall provide for Departments of Oriental Studies (including Departments of Islamic and Sanskritic Studies) in the Faculty of Arts, in which the same degrees shall be conferred as in the other Departments of that Faculty.

(6) The Dean of a Faculty shall be elected by the Faculty from among the heads of Departments of the Faculty. The Dean shall receive in respect of his duties as Dean such additional remuneration (if any) as shall be fixed by the Executive Council, and shall hold office as Dean for such term as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

**23.** The constitution, powers and duties of such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be authorities of the University shall be provided for in the manner prescribed by the Statutes.

#### *University Boards.*

**24.** The University shall include a Residence, Health and Discipline Board and such other Boards as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

**25.** The constitution, powers and duties of the Residence, Health and Discipline Board and of all other Boards of the University shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

#### *Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations.*

**26.** Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) the conferment of honorary degrees;
- (b) the institution of Fellowships, Scholarships, Exhibitions and Prizes;
- (c) the term of office and conditions of service of the Vice-Chancellor;
- (d) the designations and powers of the officers of the University;
- (e) the constitution, powers and duties of the Court, the Executive Council, the Academic Council and the Faculties;

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- (f) the institution and maintenance of Halls and the management of Hostels;
- (g) the mode of appointment of the Professors and Readers of the University;
- (h) the constitution of a pension or provident fund for the benefit of the officers, teachers, clerical staff and servants of the University;
- (i) the maintenance of a register of registered graduates; and
- (j) all matters which by this Act are to be or may be prescribed by the Statutes.

**27.** (1) The first Statutes shall be those set out in the Schedule. Statutes  
how made.  
 (2) The Statutes may be amended, repealed or added to by Statutes made by the Court in the manner hereinafter appearing.

(3) The Executive Council may propose to the Court the draft of any Statute to be passed by the Court. Such draft shall be considered by the Court at its next meeting. The Court may approve such draft and pass the Statute, or may reject it or return it to the Executive Council for re-consideration, either in whole or in part, together with any amendments which the Court may suggest.

(4) Where any Statute has been passed or a draft of a Statute has been rejected by the Court, it shall be submitted to the Chancellor, who may refer the Statute or draft back to the Court for further consideration or, in the case of a Statute passed by the Court, assent thereto or withhold his assent. A Statute passed by the Court shall have no validity until it has been assented to by the Chancellor.

(5) The Executive Council shall not propose the draft of any Statute affecting the status, powers or constitution of any authority of the University until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion upon the proposal. Any opinion so expressed shall be in writing and shall be considered by the Court, and shall be submitted to the Chancellor.

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, no Statute shall be made affecting the proportion or method of Muhammadan representation on the Court, the Executive Council or the Academic Council, save with the previous sanction of the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government].

**28.** Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Ordinances. Ordinances may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) the courses of study to be laid down for all degrees and diplomas of the University;
- <sup>2</sup>[(aa) the manner in which the lecturing work in the laboratories or workshops and other teaching referred to in sub-section (1) of section 6 shall be conducted;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Dacca University (Amendment) Act, 1928 (Ben. 2 of 1928), s. 6.

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- (aaa) the conditions in accordance with which the tutorial instruction referred to in sub-section (4) of section 6 shall be given;]
- (b) the conditions under which students shall be admitted to the degree or diploma courses and to the examinations of the University, and shall be eligible for degrees and diplomas;
- (c) the admission of students to the University;
- (d) the conditions of residence of the students of the University, the levying of fees for residence in Halls, and the licensing of Hostels;
- (e) the fees to be charged for courses of study in the University and for admission to the examinations, degrees, and diplomas of the University;
- (f) the giving of religious instruction;
- (g) the formation of Departments of teaching in the Faculties;
- (h) the constitution, powers and duties of the Boards of the University;
- (i) the conduct of examinations; and
- (j) all matters which by this Act or the Statutes are to be or may be provided for by the Ordinances.

Ordinances  
how made.

**29.** (1) Save as otherwise provided in this section, Ordinances shall be made by the Executive Council:

Provided that no Ordinance shall be made—

- (a) affecting the admission of students, or prescribing examinations to be recognised as equivalent to the University examinations or the further qualifications mentioned in sub-section (2) of section 34 for admission to the degree courses of the University, unless a draft of the same has been proposed by the Academic Council, or
- (b) affecting the conduct or standard of examinations or any course of study, except in accordance with a proposal of the Faculty or Faculties concerned, and unless a draft of such Ordinance has been proposed by the Academic Council, or
- (c) affecting the conditions of residence of students, except after consultation with the Residence, Health and Discipline Board.

(2) The Executive Council shall not have power to amend any draft proposed by the Academic Council under sub-section (1), but may reject it or return it to the Academic Council for re-consideration, either in whole or in part, together with any amendments which the Executive Council may suggest.

(3) All Ordinances made by the Executive Council shall be submitted, as soon as may be, to the Chancellor and the Court, and shall be con-

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sidered by the Court at its next meeting. The Court shall have power, by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members voting, to cancel any Ordinance made by the Executive Council, and such Ordinance shall, from the date of such resolution, be void.

(4) The Chancellor may, at any time after any Ordinance has been considered by the Court, signify to the Executive Council his disallowance of such Ordinance, and, from the date of receipt by the Executive Council of intimation of such disallowance, such Ordinance shall become void.

(5) The Chancellor may direct that the operation of any Ordinance shall be suspended until he has had an opportunity of exercising his power of disallowance. An order of suspension under this sub-section shall cease to have effect on the expiration of one month from the date of such order, or on the expiration of fifteen days from the date of consideration of the Ordinance by the Court, whichever period expires later.

(6) Where the Executive Council has rejected the draft of an Ordinance proposed by the Academic Council, the Academic Council may appeal to the Chancellor, who may, if he approves the draft, make the Ordinance. An Ordinance made under this sub-section shall cease to have effect on the expiry of six months from the making thereof.

**30.** (1) The authorities and the Boards of the University may make Regulations consistent with this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances—

- (a) laying down the procedure to be observed at their meetings and the number of members required to form a quorum;
- (b) providing for all matters which by this Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances are to be prescribed by Regulations; and
- (c) providing for all other matters solely concerning such authorities and Boards and not provided for by this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances.

(2) Every authority of the University shall make Regulations providing for the giving of notice to the members of such authority of the dates of meetings and of the business to be considered at meetings, and for the keeping of a record of the proceedings of meetings.

(3) The Executive Council may direct the amendment, in such manner as it may specify, of any Regulation made under this section or the annulment of any Regulation made under sub-section (1):

Provided that any authority or Board of the University which is dissatisfied with any such direction may appeal to the Chancellor, whose decision in the matter shall be final.

#### *Residence, Halls and Hostels.*

**31.** Every student of the University shall reside in a Hall or Hostel, *Residence*, or under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.

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Halls.

**32.** The Halls of the University shall be—

- (a) the Dacca Hall,
- <sup>1</sup>[(b) the Salimullah Muslim Hall,]
- (c) the Jagannath Hall, and
- (d) such other Halls as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

Hostels.

**33.** (1) The Hostels shall be such as may hereafter be approved and licensed by the Executive Council on such general or special conditions as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(2) The Wardens and superintending staff of Hostels shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by the Statutes.

(3) The conditions of residence in Hostels shall be prescribed by the Ordinances, and every Hostel shall be subject to inspection by any member of the Residence, Health and Discipline Board authorised in this behalf by the Board and by any officer of the University authorised in this behalf by the Executive Council.

(4) The Executive Council shall have power to suspend or withdraw the license of any Hostel which is not conducted in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the Ordinances.

*Admission and Examinations.*

Admission  
to Uni-  
versity  
courses.

**34.** (1) Admission of students to the University shall be made by an admission committee (including at least one Provost and one Warden) appointed for that purpose by the Academic Council.

(2) Students shall not be eligible for admission to a course of study for a degree unless they have passed the Intermediate Examination of an Indian University incorporated by any law for the time being in force, or an examination recognised in accordance with the provisions of this section as equivalent thereto, and possess such further qualifications as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(3) The conditions under which students may be admitted to the diploma courses of the University shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(4) The University shall not, save with the previous sanction of the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government], recognise (for the purposes of admission to a course of study for a degree), as equivalent to its own degrees, any degree conferred by any other University, or, as equivalent to the Intermediate Examination of an Indian University, any examination conducted by any other authority.

Examina-  
tions.

**35.** (1) All arrangements for the conduct of examinations shall be made, and all examiners shall be appointed by the Academic Council in such manner as may be prescribed by this Act and the Ordinances.

(2) If during the course of an examination any examiner is for any cause incapable of acting as such, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint an examiner to fill the vacancy.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Dacca University (Amendment) Act, 1928 (B. N. 2 of 1928), s. 7, for the original clause.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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(3) At least one examiner who is not a member of the University shall be appointed for each subject included in a Department of teaching and forming part of the course which is required for a University degree.

(4) The Academic Council shall appoint examination committees, consisting of members of its own body or of other persons or of both, as it thinks fit, to moderate examination questions, to prepare the results of the examinations and to report such results to the Executive Council for publication.

*Annual Report and Accounts.*

36. The annual report of the University shall be prepared under Annual report. the direction of the Executive Council, and shall be submitted to the Court on or before such date as may be prescribed by the Statutes, and shall be considered by the Court at its annual meeting. The Court may pass resolutions thereon and communicate the same to the Executive Council which shall take such action thereon as it thinks fit.

37. (1) The annual accounts and balance-sheet of the University shall Annual accounts. be prepared under the direction of the Executive Council, and shall be submitted to the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] for the purposes of audit.

(2) The accounts when audited shall be published by the Executive Council in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], and copies thereof shall, together with copies of the audit report, if any, be submitted to the Court <sup>3</sup>[and to the Provincial Government]. The Executive Council shall also submit to the Court, on or before such date as may be prescribed by the Statutes, a statement of the financial estimates for the ensuing year.

(3) The annual accounts and the financial estimates shall be considered by the Court at its annual meeting, and the Court may pass resolutions thereon and communicate the same to the Executive Council which shall take such action thereon as it thinks fit.

*Supplementary Provisions.*

38. The Chancellor shall, with the concurrence of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Executive Council for the time being in India, have power to remove the name of any person from the register of registered graduates. Removal of names of registered graduates.

39. If any question arises whether any person has been duly elected or appointed as, or is entitled to be, a member of any authority or other body of the University, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor, whose decision thereon shall be final. Disputes as to constitution of University authorities and bodies.

40. (1) An appeal may be made by petition to the Chancellor against the order of any officer or authority of the University affecting any class of persons in the University. The Chancellor shall send a copy Appeals to Chancellor.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Calcutta Gazette".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "to the L. G. and to the G. G. in C."

of any such petition to the officer or authority concerned, and shall give such officer or authority an opportunity to show cause why the appeal should not be entertained.

(2) The Chancellor may reject any such appeal or may, if he thinks fit, appoint a commission of persons, not being officers of the University or members of any authority thereof, to inquire into the matter and report to him thereon. On receipt of the commission's report, the Chancellor shall send a copy thereof to the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall take such report into consideration and shall, within three months of the receipt thereof, pass a resolution thereon which shall be communicated to the Chancellor.

(3) A commission appointed under sub-section (2) may require any officer or authority of the University to furnish it with any papers or information which are, in the opinion of the commission, relevant to the matter under inquiry, and such officer or authority shall be bound to comply with such requisition.

**Constitution of committees.**

**41.** Where any authority of the University is given power by this Act or the Statutes to appoint committees, such committees shall, unless otherwise provided, consist of members of the authority concerned and of such other persons (if any) as the authority in each case may think fit.

**Filling of casual vacancies.**

**42.** All casual vacancies among the members (other than *ex-officio* members) of any authority or other body of the University shall be filled as soon as conveniently may be by the person or body who appointed, elected or co-opted the member whose place has become vacant, and the person appointed, elected or co-opted to a casual vacancy shall be a member of such authority or body for the residue of the term for which the person whose place he fills would have been a member.

**Proceedings of University authorities and bodies not invalidated by vacancies.**

**43.** No act or proceeding of any authority or other body of the University shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or vacancies among its members.

**Conditions of service.**

**44. (1)** Every salaried officer and teacher of the University shall be appointed on a written contract. The contract shall be lodged with the Registrar of the University, and a copy thereof shall be furnished to the officer or teacher concerned.

(2) Any member of the public services in India whom it is proposed to appoint to a post in the University shall, subject to the approval of such appointment by the Government <sup>1</sup>[under which he is serving], have the option—

(i) of having his services lent to the University for a specified period and remaining liable to recall to <sup>2</sup>[the service of

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt. service".

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the Crown] at the discretion <sup>1</sup>[of that Government] at the end of that period; or

(ii) of resigning <sup>2</sup>[the service of the Crown] on entering the service of the University.

**45.** Any dispute arising out of a contract between the University and any officer or teacher of the University shall, on the request of the officer or teacher concerned, be referred to a Tribunal of Arbitration consisting of one member appointed by the Executive Council, one member nominated by the officer or teacher concerned, and an umpire appointed by the Chancellor. The decision of the Tribunal shall be final, and no suit shall lie in any Civil Court in respect of the matters decided by the Tribunal.

<sup>3</sup>[Every such request shall be deemed to be a submission to arbitration upon the terms of this section, within the meaning of the Indian Arbitration Act, 1899, and all the provisions of that Act, with the exception of section 2 thereof, shall apply accordingly.]

**46.** (1) The University shall constitute for the benefit of its officers, Pension teachers, clerical staff and servants <sup>4</sup>[such pension and provident funds or provident fund. as it may deem fit] in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

**IX of 1897.** (2) Where such a pension or provident fund has been so constituted, the <sup>5</sup>[Provincial Government] may, notwithstanding anything contained in the Provident Funds Act, 1897, by notification in the <sup>6</sup>[Official Gazette], declare that the provisions of the said Act shall apply to such fund as if it were a Government Provident Fund.

**47.** Save as otherwise provided in this Act, the powers of the University conferred by or under this Act shall not extend beyond a radius of five miles from the Convocation Hall of the University. Notwithstanding anything in any other law for the time being in force, no educational institution beyond that limit shall be associated with or admitted to any privileges of the University, and no educational institution within that limit shall be associated in any way with or be admitted to any privileges of any other University incorporated by law in British India, and any such privileges granted by any such other University to any educational institution within that limit prior to the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be withdrawn on the commencement of this Act:

Territorial exercise of powers.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "of the Govt."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt. service".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1920 (31 of 1920), s. 2 and Sch. I, for "Every such arbitration shall be subject to the provisions of the Indian Arbitration Act, 1899, so far as the same may be applicable thereto".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 2 and Sch. I, *ibid.*, for "a pension or provident fund".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

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Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to any agricultural or other technical institution established or maintained <sup>1</sup>[in Bengal] in connection with the University with the sanction of the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government]:

Provided, further, that it shall be lawful for any Faculty, other than the Faculties of Arts and Science, to assemble at Calcutta whenever, in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor, such a course is necessary.

Annual contribution by the Provincial Government to the University.

Completion of courses for students at Dacca Colleges.

Appointment of first Vice-Chancellor.

First appointments of University staff.

<sup>3</sup>[**47A.** The <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government] shall, for the purposes of this Act, contribute annually to the University a sum of five and a half lakhs of rupees.]

*Transitory Provisions.*

**48.** Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the Ordinances, any student of the Dacca College, the Dacca Law College, the Dacca Training College, or the Jagannath College at Dacca who immediately prior to the commencement of this Act, was studying for any examination of the Calcutta University higher than the Intermediate Examination shall be permitted to complete his course in preparation therefor, and the University shall provide for such students instruction and examinations in accordance with the Prospectus of Studies of the Calcutta University.

**49.** The first Vice-Chancellor may be appointed at any time after the passing of this Act. Such appointment shall, notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) of section 10, be made by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] for such term and on such conditions as <sup>5</sup>[it] thinks fit.

**50.** (1) At any time after the passing of this Act and until such time as the authorities of the University shall have been duly constituted—

- (a) the Treasurer may be appointed by the <sup>6</sup>[Provincial Government] of Bengal;
- (b) any other officers of the University may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor with the previous sanction of the <sup>6</sup>[Provincial Government] of Bengal;
- (c) teachers of the University shall be appointed by the <sup>6</sup>[Provincial Government] of Bengal after considering the recommendations of an Advisory Committee consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, and such other person or persons, if any, as the <sup>6</sup>[Provincial Government] of Bengal thinks fit to associate with them.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Dacca University (Amendment) Act, 1925 (Ben. 4 of 1925), s. 2.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Governor".

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(2) Any appointment made under sub-section (1) shall be for such period and on such conditions as the appointing authority thinks fit:

Provided that no such appointment shall be made until financial provision has been made therefor by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] or otherwise.

**51.** At any time after the passing of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor Extraordinary powers of the may, with the previous approval of the Chancellor and subject to the provision of funds by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] or otherwise, take Vice-Chancellor. such action, consistent so far as may be with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, as he may think necessary for the purpose of bringing the University into being, and for that purpose may exercise any power which by this Act or the Statutes is to be conferred on any officer or authority of the University.

## THE SCHEDULE.

### THE FIRST STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

[See section 27 (1).]

**1.** In these Statutes, unless there is anything repugnant in the sub- Definitions. ject or context,—

- (a) "the Act" means the Dacca University Act, 1920, and "section" means a section of the Act; and
- (b) "officers", "authorities", "Professors", "Readers", "Lecturers", "teachers", "clerical staff", "servants" and "registered graduates" mean, respectively, officers, authorities, Professors, Readers, Lecturers, teachers, clerical staff, servants and registered graduates of the University.

**2.** (1) In addition to the officers mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 16, the following persons shall be *ex-officio* members of the Court, namely:—

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- (ii) the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta;
- (iii) the Commissioner, the Collector and the District and Sessions Judge of Dacca;
- (iv) the Director of Public Instruction in Bengal or the Secretary (if any) to the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] in the Department of Education, and the Director of Public Instruction in Assam;
- (v) the Director of Agriculture for Bengal;
- (vi) the Director of Industries for Bengal;
- (vii) the Civil Surgeon of Dacca;
- (viii) the Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle, Bengal;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Cl. (i) rep. by the A. O.

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- (ix) the Assistant Director of Public Instruction for Muhammadan education in Bengal;
- (x) the Chairman of the Dacca Municipality and the Dacca District Board;
- (xi) the Inspector of Schools of the Dacca Division;
- (xii) the Inspectress of Girls' Schools for the Dacca Circle;
- (xiii) the Proctor of the University;
- (xiv) the Librarian of the University; and
- (xv) the Principals of the Dacca Medical School, the Dacca Madrassah, the Calcutta Madrassah, the Chittagong Madrassah, the Sylhet Madrassah, and the Eden High School, the President of the Saraswat Samaj and the Principals of all educational institutions in the Dacca Division which prepare students for admission to the degree courses of a University.

(2) The number of graduates to be elected as members of the Court by the registered graduates from among their own body shall be thirty, of whom fifteen shall be Muhammadan graduates elected by the Muhammadan registered graduates, and fifteen shall be non-Muhammadan graduates elected by the non-Muhammadan registered graduates.

(3) The number of persons to be appointed by the Chancellor under clause (x) of sub-section (7) of section 16 shall be forty:

Provided that the Chancellor shall, in making such appointments, secure that, as far as possible, fifty per cent. of the non-European members of the Court shall be Muhammadans.

(4) Save as otherwise provided, members of the Court other than *ex-officio* members shall hold office for a period of three years:

Provided that members elected by the Academic Council shall hold office so long only within the said period as they continue to be teachers.

**3. (1)** The members of the Executive Council, in addition to the Vice-Chancellor and the Treasurer, shall be—

*Class I.—Ex-officio members.*

- (i) The Commissioner of the Dacca Division;
- (ii) the Deans of the Faculties;
- (iii) the Provosts of the Dacca, the Muhammadan and the Jagan-nath Halls.

*Class II.—Other members.*

- (iv) Two non-Muhammadan members of the Court elected by the non-Muhammadan members thereof at its annual meeting;
- (v) two Muhammadan members of the Court elected by the Muhammadan members thereof at its annual meeting; and

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(vi) four persons, of whom at least two shall be teachers, appointed by the Chancellor: Provided that, so long as one-half of the non-European members of the Executive Council, as constituted under this sub-clause but excluding the Vice-Chancellor and the Treasurer, are not Muhammadans, any person so appointed shall be a Muhammadan.

(2) The Executive Council as constituted under sub-clause (1) shall co-opt as member one Warden.

(3) Members other than *ex-officio* members shall hold office for a period of three years:

Provided that members elected by any body of persons from among their own number shall hold office so long only within the said period as they continue to be members of the body which elected them.

4. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Executive Council shall have the following powers, namely:—

(a) to institute, at its discretion, such Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships, or other teaching posts as may be proposed by the Academic Council;

(b) to abolish or suspend, after report from the Academic Council thereon, any Professorship, Readership, Lectureship, or other teaching post;

(c) to appoint, in accordance with the Statutes, teachers, officers, clerical staff and servants;

(d) to delegate, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by Regulations made by the Executive Council, its power to appoint teachers, officers, clerical staff and servants to such person or authority as the Executive Council may determine;

(e) to manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property and all administrative affairs whatsoever of the University, and for that purpose, to appoint such agents as it may think fit;

(f) to accept bequests, donations and transfers of property to the University:

Provided that all such bequests, donations and transfers shall be reported to the Court at its next meeting;

(g) to provide the buildings, premises, furniture, apparatus, equipment and other means needed for carrying on the work of the University;

(h) after report from the Finance Committee to enter into, vary, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of the University; and

(i) to invest any monies belonging to the University, including any unapplied income, in any of the securities described

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in section 20 of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, or in the II of 1882, purchase of immoveable property in India, with the like power of varying such investments; or to place on fixed deposit in any bank approved in this behalf by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] any portion of such monies not required for immediate expenditure.

**The Academic Council.** 5. (1) The members of the Academic Council, in addition to the Vice-Chancellor, shall be—

*Class I.—Ex-officio members.*

- (i) The Deans of the Faculties;
- (ii) the Librarian of the University;
- (iii) the Professors; and
- (iv) the Provosts.

*Class II.—Other members.*

- (v) One Warden nominated by the Vice-Chancellor; and
- (vi) persons, if any, not exceeding three in number and not being teachers, appointed by the Chancellor on account of their possessing expert knowledge in such subjects of study as may be selected by the Academic Council as constituted under heads (i) to (v).

(2) The Academic Council as constituted under sub-clause (1) shall co-opt as members three Readers and two Lecturers.

(3) The Academic Council as constituted under sub-clauses (1) and (2) shall co-opt as members teachers not exceeding one-tenth of its number as so constituted:

Provided that so long as one-fourth of the total members, including teachers co-opted under this sub-clause, are not Muhammadans, any teacher so co-opted shall be a Muhammadan.

(4) Members other than *ex-officio* members shall hold office for a period of three years:

Provided that Readers, Lecturers or teachers co-opted as such shall hold office so long only within the said period as they continue to be Readers, Lecturers or teachers, respectively.

**Powers of  
the Academic  
Council.**

6. The Academic Council shall have the following powers, namely:—

- (a) to make proposals to the Executive Council for the institution of Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships or other teaching posts, and in regard to the duties and emoluments thereof;
- (b) to make Regulations for and to award in accordance with such Regulations Fellowships, Scholarships, Exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other rewards;

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

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- (c) to appoint examiners after report from the Faculties concerned;
- (d) to control and manage the University Library or Libraries, to frame regulations regarding their use, and to appoint a Library Committee under the general control of the Academic Council to manage the affairs of the Library;
- (e) to formulate, modify or revise, subject to the control of the Executive Council, schemes for the constitution or re-constitution of Faculties and for the assignment of subjects to such Faculties;
- (f) to assign teachers to the Faculties; and
- (g) to promote research within the University, and to require reports on such research from the persons employed thereon.

**7.** (1) Each Faculty shall consist of—

- (i) the Professors of the Departments comprised in the Faculty;
- (ii) such teachers of subjects assigned to the Faculty as may be appointed to the Faculty by the Academic Council;
- (iii) such teachers of subjects not assigned to the Faculty but having, in the opinion of the Academic Council, an important bearing on those subjects as may be appointed to the Faculty by the Academic Council; and
- (iv) such other persons as may be appointed to the Faculty by the Academic Council on account of their possessing expert knowledge in a subject or subjects assigned to the Faculty.

The Facul-  
ties.

(2) The total number of members of each Faculty shall not exceed in the case of the Faculties of Arts and Science thirty, and in the case of any other Faculty fifteen, except with the sanction of the Chancellor given on the request of the Academic Council.

**8.** Subject to the provisions of the Act, each Faculty shall have the Powers of the Facul-  
ties following powers, namely:—

- (a) to constitute Committees of Courses and Studies;
- (b) to recommend to the Academic Council, after consulting the Committees of Courses and Studies, the names of examiners in subjects assigned to the Faculty.

Board of Co-ordi-  
nation.

**9.** There shall be a Board of Co-ordination composed of the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be Chairman thereof, the Deans of the Faculties and the Registrar, to organise the teaching of the University, and in particular to co-ordinate the work and time-tables of the various Faculties, and to assign lecture-rooms, laboratories, and other rooms to the Faculties.

**10. (1)** The Dean of each Faculty shall be the executive officer of The Dean. the Faculty, and shall preside at its meetings. He shall hold office for three years.

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(2) He shall issue the lecture lists of the University in the Departments comprised in the Faculty, and shall be responsible for the conduct of teaching therein.

(3) He shall have the right to be present and to speak at any meeting of any committee of the Faculty, but not to vote unless he is a member of the committee.

**Hostels.**

**11.** (1) The appointment of the Warden and the Superintending staff of a Hostel shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

(2) Every student not residing in a Hall or Hostel shall be attached to a Hall or Hostel for tutorial help and disciplinary supervision, and for such other purposes as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

**Withdrawal  
of degrees  
and diplomas.**

**12.** The Court may, on the recommendation of the Executive Council, by a resolution passed with the concurrence of not less than two-thirds of the members voting, withdraw any degree or diploma conferred by the University.

**Honorary  
degrees.**

**13.** (1) All proposals for the conferment of honorary degrees shall be made by the Academic Council to the Executive Council, and shall require the assent of the Court before submission to the Chancellor for confirmation:

Provided that in cases of urgency the Chancellor may act on the recommendation of the Executive Council only.

(2) Any honorary degree conferred by the University may, with the previous approval of the Court and the sanction of the Chancellor, be withdrawn by the Executive Council.

**Registered  
graduates.**

**14.** The following persons shall, on payment of such fees as may be prescribed by the Statutes, be entitled to have their names enrolled in the register of registered graduates and to enjoy all the privileges of registration, namely:—

(a) for a period of five years from the commencement of the Act all graduates of three years' standing or upwards of any other Indian University incorporated by any law for the time being in force, who are not for the time being registered as graduates in any such other University, and who—

(i) have studied at the Dacca College, the Jagannath College at Dacca or the Dacca Law College for at least two years, or at the Dacca Training College for at least one year, and ordinarily reside in the Dacca or Chittagong Divisions of the Bengal Presidency; or

(ii) have graduated at any time from any of the said Colleges, and apply to the University to be granted *ad eundem* degrees of the University; and

(b) for a period of seven years from the commencement of the Act all Muhammadan graduates of three years' standing or upwards of any Indian University incorporated by any

(*The Schedule.—The first Statutes of the University.*)

law for the time being in force, who are not for the time being registered as graduates of any such other University, and who ordinarily reside in the Dacca or Chittagong Divisions of the Bengal Presidency; and

(c) all graduates of the University of three years' standing and upwards.

**15.** There shall be the following officers, namely:—

Officers.

- (i) a Proctor for the maintenance of the general discipline of the University, to whom the Vice-Chancellor may delegate such of his disciplinary powers as he may think fit; and
- (ii) a Librarian for the University Library.

**16.** (1) Subject to the provisions of clause (c) of sub-section (1) of Committees of selection section 50 and of clause 17, appointments to Professorships and Readerships shall be made on the nomination of committees of selection constituted for the purpose as follows, namely:—

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (ii) one member of the Executive Council selected by the Executive Council;
- (iii) two members of the Academic Council selected by the Academic Council on the ground of their special knowledge of, or interest in, the subject or subjects with which the Professor or Reader, as the case may be, will be concerned;
- (iv) an officer of the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] appointed by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government]; and
- (v) three persons (two of whom shall not be officers or teachers) appointed by the Chancellor:

Provided that, should a committee so constituted not include both a Hindu and a Muhammadan member, the Chancellor shall nominate an additional Hindu or Muhammadan member, or both, as the case may be.

(2) Committees of selection appointed under sub-clause (1) shall report to the Executive Council which shall, if it accepts the nomination of the Committee, make the appointment to the post accordingly. If the Executive Council does not accept the nomination of the Committee, it shall refer the case to the Chancellor, who shall make such appointment as he thinks fit.

**17.** (1) Of the Professorships not less than one-third shall be filled in one or other of the following manners, namely:—

Committees of selection in the United Kingdom.

- (a) on the nomination of committees of selection constituted for the purpose in the United Kingdom; or

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

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(b) if, in the opinion of the Chancellor, exceptional circumstances justify such a course, by appointment by the Secretary of State for India.

(2) The committees of selection referred to in sub-clause (1) (a) shall be constituted as follows, namely:—

(i) two members resident in the United Kingdom appointed by the Academic Council,

(ii) two members resident in the United Kingdom appointed by the Secretary of State for India, one of whom shall be an Indian Member of the Council of India as constituted under the Government of India Act; and

(iii) one member appointed by the Chancellor.

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5. c. 61.

(3) The Executive Council shall consider the report of a committee of selection constituted under sub-clause (2), and shall, if it accepts the nomination of the committee, make the appointment to the post accordingly. If the Executive Council does not accept the nomination of the committee, it shall refer the case to the Chancellor, who may either appoint the person nominated by the committee, or refer the case to the Secretary of State for India, and, in such case, the Secretary of State for India shall make such appointment as he thinks fit.

(4) Nothing in this clause shall apply to appointments made by the Chancellor under clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 50.

**18.** Appointments to teaching posts other than Professorships and Readerships shall, subject to the provisions of the Act and the Statutes, be made in the manner prescribed by the Ordinances.

Appoint-  
ment of  
Lecturers  
and other  
teachers.

## THE INDIAN ARMY (SUSPENSION OF SENTENCES) ACT, 1920.

ACT No. XX of 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[23rd March, 1920.]

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the suspension of sentences passed by Courts-martial under the Indian Army Act, 1911.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to the suspension of sentences of imprisonment or transportation passed by Courts-martial on persons subject to the Indian Army Act, 1911; It VIII of 1911. is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Indian Army (Suspension of Sentences) Act, 1920, and shall be construed as one with the principal Act.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 124; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 843 and 955.

Short title  
and con-  
struction.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or Definitions context,—

- (a) "committed" means committed to prison or to confinement in military custody;
- (b) "competent military authority" means a superior military authority, or any general or other officer not below the rank of field officer duly authorised by a superior military authority;
- (c) "imprisonment" includes confinement in military custody;
- (d) "principal Act" means the Indian Army Act, 1911;
- (e) "sentence" means a sentence of transportation or imprisonment, whether originally passed on a person subject to the principal Act, or passed by way of reduction or commutation; and "sentenced" has the corresponding meaning; and
- (f) "superior military authority" means the Commander-in-Chief in India or any officer empowered under the principal Act to convene general Courts-martial or summary general Courts-martial.

3. (1) Where a person subject to the principal Act is sentenced, <sup>Suspension of sentences.</sup> the confirming officer when confirming the sentence, or, in the case of a sentence which does not require confirmation, the officer holding the trial or the President of the Court-martial when passing sentence may, notwithstanding anything in the principal Act, direct that such person be not committed until the orders of a superior military authority have been obtained.

(2) A superior military authority may, in the case of any such offender so sentenced,—

- (a) direct that, until his orders have been obtained, such offender shall not be committed; and
- (b) suspend the sentence whether or not the offender has already been committed.

(3) Where, in accordance with any order passed under sub-section (2), a sentence is suspended, the offender shall, whether he has been committed or not, forthwith be released.

4. Any period during which a sentence is under suspension shall be reckoned as part of the term of such sentence. <sup>Calculation of periods of sentence under suspension.</sup>

5. A superior military authority may, at any time whilst a sentence is suspended under this Act, order—

- (a) that the offender be committed to undergo the unexpired portion of the sentence, or
- (b) that the sentence be remitted.

6. Where a sentence has been suspended under this Act, the case may at any time, and shall at intervals of not more than four months, be reconsidered by a competent military authority, and if, on any such review of suspended sentences.

reconsideration, it appears to such authority that the conduct of the offender since his conviction has been such as to justify a remission of the sentence, he shall, if he is not also a superior military authority, refer the case to a superior military authority.

**7.** Where an offender, while a sentence on him is suspended under this Act, is sentenced for any other offence, then—

- (a) if the further sentence is also suspended under this Act, the two sentences shall run concurrently;
- (b) if the further sentence is for a period of three months or more and is not suspended under this Act, the offender shall also be committed on the unexpired portion of the previous sentence, but both sentences shall run concurrently; and
- (c) if the further sentence is for a period of three months or less and is not suspended under this Act, the offender shall be committed on that sentence only, and the previous sentence shall (subject to any order which may be passed under section 5 or section 6) continue to be suspended.

**8.** The powers conferred by this Act shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of, any powers as to the mitigation, remission or commutation of sentences conferred by the principal Act, and a superior military authority shall, as regards persons subject to that Act, be an authority having power to mitigate, remit or commute sentences under section 112 of that Act.

**9.** Where in addition to any other sentence the punishment of dismissal has been awarded by a Court-martial, and such other sentence is suspended under this Act, then, notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act or in any rules made thereunder, such dismissal shall not take effect until so ordered by a superior military authority:

Provided that, if a sentence is remitted under this Act, the punishment of dismissal shall also be remitted.

**10.** [Repeal of Act IV of 1917.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

### THE INDIAN RIFLES ACT, 1920.

Act No. XXIII OF 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[31st August, 1920.]

An Act to provide for the better discipline of Police officers enrolled in Military Police or Rifle Battalions.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the better discipline of Police officers enrolled under local Acts in Military Police or Rifle Battalions; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**1.** This Act may be called the Indian Rifles Act, 1920.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 158; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 1001 and 1082.

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2. All Police officers enrolled under the provisions of any local Military Police or Rifles Act shall be subject to the discipline and penalties prescribed by such Act, wherever serving in India.

Police officers subject to discipline and penalties prescribed in local Acts wherever serving.

## THE IDENTIFICATION OF PRISONERS ACT, 1920.

Act No. XXXIII of 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[9th September, 1920.]

An Act to authorise the taking of measurements and photographs of convicts and others.

WHEREAS it is expedient to authorise the taking of measurements and photographs of convicts and others; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Identification of Prisoners Act, Short title and extent. 1920; and

(2) It extends to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan, the Sonthal Parganas and the district of Angul<sup>2</sup>.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or Definitions. context,—

(a) "measurements" include finger impressions and foot-print impressions;

(b) "police officer" means an officer in charge of a police-station, a police officer making an investigation under Chapter XIV of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898<sup>3</sup>, or any other police officer not below the rank of sub-inspector; and

(c) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act.

3. Every person who has been—

(a) convicted of any offence punishable<sup>4</sup> with rigorous imprisonment for a term of one year or upwards, or of any offence which would render him liable to enhanced punishment on a subsequent conviction, or

(b) ordered to give security for his good behaviour under section 118 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898,

Taking of measurements, etc., of convicted persons.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 162; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 1037 and 1143.

This Act has been amended in its application to the Provinces of Bombay and Sind by Bombay Acts 11 of 1922, 4 of 1935 and 21 of 1935.

<sup>2</sup> This Act has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch., and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

<sup>3</sup> In the application of the Act to the Provinces of Bombay and Sind, certain words have been ins. here by the Identification of Prisoners (Bombay Amendment) Act, 1922 (Bom. 11 of 1922), ss. 2 and 3, respectively.

<sup>4</sup> In the application of the Act to the Provinces of Bombay and Sind, certain words have been ins. here by the Identification of Prisoners (Bombay Second Amendment) Act, 1935 (Bom. 21 of 1935), s. 2.

shall, if so required, allow his measurements and photograph to be taken by a police officer in the prescribed manner.

Taking of measurements, etc., of non-convicted persons.

Power of Magistrate to order a person to be measured or photographed.

<sup>1</sup>4. Any person who has been arrested in connection with an offence punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term of one year or upwards shall, if so required by a police officer, allow his measurements to be taken in the prescribed manner.

5. If a Magistrate is satisfied that, for the purposes of any investigation or proceeding under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898<sup>2</sup>, it is <sup>V of 1898.</sup> expedient to direct any person to allow his measurements or photograph to be taken, he may make an order to that effect, and in that case the person to whom the order relates shall be produced or shall attend at the time and place specified in the order and shall allow his measurements or photograph to be taken, as the case may be, by a police officer:

Provided that no order shall be made directing any person to be photographed except by a Magistrate of the first class:

Provided, further, that no order shall be made under this section unless the person has at some time been arrested in connection with such investigation or proceeding.

Resistance to the taking of measurements, etc.

6. (1) If any person who under this Act is required to allow his measurements or photograph to be taken resists or refuses to allow the taking of the same, it shall be lawful to use all means necessary to secure the taking thereof.

(2) Resistance to or refusal to allow the taking of measurements or photographs under this Act shall be deemed to be an offence under section 186 of the Indian Penal Code.

<sup>XLV of 1860.</sup>

Destruction of photographs and records of measurements, etc., on acquittal.

7. Where any person who, not having been previously convicted of an offence punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term of one year or upwards, has had his measurements taken or has been photographed in accordance with the provisions of this Act is released without trial or discharged or acquitted by any Court, all measurements and all photographs (both negatives and copies) so taken shall, unless the Court or (in a case where such person is released without trial) the District Magistrate or Sub-Divisional Officer<sup>3</sup> for reasons to be recorded in writing otherwise directs, be destroyed or made over to him.

Power to make rules.

8. (1) The <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government] may make rules for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

<sup>1</sup> In the application of the Act to the Provinces of Bombay and Sind, a different section has been subs. for this section by the Identification of Prisoners (Bombay Amendment) Act, 1935 (Bom. 4 of 1935), s. 2, and further amended by Bom. Act 21 of 1935, s. 3.

<sup>2</sup> In the application of the Act to the Provinces of Bombay and Sind, certain words have been ins. here by the Identification of Prisoners (Bombay Amendment) Act, 1922 (Bom. 11 of 1922), ss. 2 and 3, respectively.

<sup>3</sup> In the application of the Act to Bombay, certain words have been ins. here by s. 4, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, such rules may provide for—

- (a) restrictions on the taking of photographs of persons under section 5;
- (b) the places at which measurements and photographs may be taken;
- (c) the nature of the measurements that may be taken;
- (d) the method in which any class or classes of measurements shall be taken;
- (e) the dress to be worn by a person when being photographed under section 3; and
- (f) the preservation, safe custody, destruction and disposal of records of measurements and photographs.

9. No suit or other proceeding shall lie against any person for anything done, or intended to be done, in good faith under this Act or under any rule made thereunder. Bar of suits.

## THE INDIAN PASSPORT ACT, 1920.

Act No. XXXIV OF 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[9th September, 1920.]

An Act to take power to require passports of persons entering British India.

WHEREAS it is expedient to take power to require passports of persons entering British India; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Passport Act, 1920. Short title

(2) It shall extend to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan, the Sonthal Parganas and the district of Angul<sup>2</sup>. and extent.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,— Definitions.

“entry” means entry by water, land or air;

“passport” means a passport for the time being in force issued or renewed by the prescribed authority and satisfying the conditions prescribed relating to the class of passports to which it belongs; and

“prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 54; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. V, p. 252, and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 397, 1003 and 1144.

<sup>2</sup> This Act has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch., and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

Power to make rules.

**3.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may make rules<sup>2</sup> requiring that persons entering British India shall be in possession of passports, and for all matters ancillary or incidental to that purpose.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power such rules may—

(a) prohibit the entry into British India or any part thereof of any person who has not in his possession a passport issued to him;

(b) prescribe the authorities by whom passports must have been issued or renewed, and the conditions with which they must comply, for the purposes of this Act; and

(c) provide for the exemption, either absolutely or on any condition, of any person or class of persons from any provision of such rules.

(3) Rules made under this section may provide that any contravention thereof or of any order issued under the authority of any such rule shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine or with both.

(4) All rules made under this section shall be published in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], and shall thereupon have effect as if enacted in this Act.

Power of arrest.

**4.** (1) Any officer of police, not below the rank of a sub-inspector, and any officer of the Customs Department empowered by a general or special order of the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf may arrest without warrant any person who has contravened or against whom a reasonable suspicion exists that he has contravened any rule or order made under section 3.

(2) Every officer making an arrest under this section shall, without unnecessary delay, take or send the person arrested before a Magistrate having jurisdiction in the case or to the officer in charge of the nearest police-station and the provisions of section 61 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, shall, so far as may be, apply in the case of any such <sup>V of 1898.</sup> arrest.

Power of removal.

**5.** The <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] may, by general or special order, direct the removal of any person from British India who, in contravention of any rule made under section 3 prohibiting entry into British India without passport, has entered therein, and thereupon any <sup>5</sup>[officer of the Crown] shall have all reasonable powers necessary to enforce such direction.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> For such rules, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. IV, p. 570.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "officer of Govt."

## THE BASEL MISSION TRADING COMPANY ACT, 1920.

ACT NO. XXXV OF 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[9th September, 1920.]

An Act to validate certain Indentures relating to property formerly held by the Basel Mission Trading Company, and to provide for the incorporation of Trustees and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, by an order made by the Governor General in Council in exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Enemy Trading Act, 1916, and bearing date the twenty-second day of May, 1919, certain property was vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property for Madras and Coorg; and

Whereas in pursuance of an order made by the Governor General in Council, dated the twenty-fifth day of August, 1919, the said Custodian, by an indenture, dated the twenty-sixth day of January, 1920, and referred to in the Second Schedule as Indenture A, transferred the said property to certain trustees on trusts therein declared; and

Whereas by divers mesne appointments the said property became vested upon the said trusts in the persons named in the First Schedule; and

Whereas the persons named in the First Schedule (hereinafter referred to as the said trustees) have, with the approval of the Governor General in Council, by an indenture, dated the twenty-first day of August, 1920, and referred to in the said Schedule as Indenture B, transferred the said property to the Commonwealth Trust, Limited, a corporation incorporated in England, for the purposes and upon the terms and conditions in the said indenture set out; and

Whereas doubts have arisen and may arise as to the validity of certain matters in connection with the above mentioned transfers; and

Whereas it is expedient to terminate such doubts and to constitute the said Trustees a body corporate in order that the intention of the said transfers may be fully carried out;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Basel Mission Trading Company Act, Short title. 1920.

2. (1) The persons named in the First Schedule and their predecessors in office shall be deemed to have been validly appointed trustees of the Incorporation of Trustees.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see the Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 227; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, Pt. VI, pp. 1083 and 1144.

indenture referred to in the Second Schedule as Indenture A, and together with their successors in office, are hereby constituted a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued by the corporate name of the Mission Trust of Madras.

(2) For the purposes of the appointment of the successors to the persons named in the First Schedule in their office as such trustees, the provisions of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, shall be deemed to apply, and II of 1882. appointments of any trustees which are required to be made by the National Missionary Council of India shall be sufficiently made if made by writing under the hand of the Chairman of that body.

**Validation of deeds, etc.** 3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any enactment or rule of law to the contrary, the indentures described in the Second Schedule are hereby declared to be validly made and the property transferred or purporting to be transferred therein shall be deemed to have been duly transferred by the said indentures, and all acts or things heretofore done under either of the said indentures are validated and confirmed, and every obligation imposed or purporting to be imposed on any person mentioned in either of the said indentures shall be binding in law on the person named therein, whether such person is or is not a party to such indenture.

**Restriction of suits against the trustees and the Commonwealth Trust, Limited.** 4. No suit or other legal proceeding shall be brought against the said trustees or the Commonwealth Trust, Limited, by or on behalf of any creditor, shareholder or bondholder of the Basel Mission Trading Company or any other person whatsoever for the payment of any sum due or alleged to be due by the said Company, unless the consent of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] has first been obtained.

## THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

(See section 2.)

John Anderson Thorne, Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Madras.

Paul Appaswami, Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Madras.

Muthiah David Devadoss, Barrister-at-Law, Madras.

Duncan Gordon MacNaughton Leith, Secretary, German Missions Committee of the National Missionary Council.

Anthony Watson Brough of the London Mission, Erode, Madras.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

## THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

(See sections 2 and 3.)

## INDENTURE A.

Date.	Parties.	Short effect.
26th January, 1920. Registered at Madras, on 25th June, 1920, being Serial No. 2035 of 1920 in Registration Book No. 1 of the office of the Registrar of Madras, Chingleput.	Daniel Chamier, Custodian of Enemy Property, Madras and Coorg, (therein referred to as the Custodian) of the first part and Henry Reginald Pate, Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Madras, Arthur Davies, the Reverend William Meston, the Hon'ble Mr. Muthiah David Devadoss and the Reverend Duncan Gordon MacNaughton Leith of the other part.	Being a transfer by the Custodian to the Trustees on the trusts therein mentioned of the undertaking and of all property moveable or immoveable in the Madras Presidency and Coorg formerly belonging to or held in trust for, the Company or Society commonly known in India as the Basel Mission Trading Company and which became vested in the Custodian by Order of the Governor General in Council, dated 22nd May, 1919.

## INDENTURE B.

Date.	Parties.	Short effect.
21st August, 1920. Registered at Madras, on 21st August, 1920, being Serial No. 2825 of 1920 in Registration Book No. 1 of the office of the Registrar of Madras, Chingleput.	John Anderson Thorne, Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, Paul Appaswami, the Hon'ble Mr. Muthiah David Devadoss, the Reverend Duncan Gordon MacNaughton Leith and the Reverend Anthony Watson Brough, (therein referred to as the Trustees) of the one part and the Commonwealth Trust, Limited, a company registered under the English Companies Acts, (therein referred to as the Company) of the other part.	Being a transfer on the terms and conditions and subject to the reservations therein mentioned by the Trustees to the Company of the undertaking and property comprised in the deed, dated 26th January, 1920 and referred to above as Indenture A.

(Preliminary. Part I.—Amendment of the Indian Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure. Part II.—Election Inquiries and other matters.)

## THE INDIAN ELECTIONS OFFENCES AND INQUIRIES ACT, 1920.

Act No. XXXIX OF 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[14th September, 1920.]

An Act to provide for the punishment of malpractices in connection with elections, and to make further provisions for the conduct of inquiries in regard to disputed elections to legislative bodies constituted under the Government of India Act<sup>2</sup> [or the Government of India Act, 1935].

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the punishment of malpractices in connection with elections, and to make further provision for the conduct of inquiries in regard to disputed elections to legislative bodies constituted under the Government of India Act<sup>2</sup> [or the Government of India Act, 1935]; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

26 Geo. 5,  
c. 2.

### PRELIMINARY.

**Short title and extent.** 1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Elections Offences and Inquiries Act, 1920; and

(2) It extends to the whole of British India.

### PART I.

#### AMENDMENT OF THE INDIAN PENAL CODE AND CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

[*Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1938 (I of 1938), s. 2 and Sch.*]

### PART II.

#### ELECTION INQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS.

**Definitions.** 4. In this Part, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “ costs ” means all costs, charges and expenses of, or incidental to, an inquiry;

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 134; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. V, p. 177, and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 1004 and 1146.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

(Part II.—*Election inquiries and other matters..*)26 Geo. 5,  
c. 2.

<sup>1</sup>[(b) “election” means an election to a Chamber of any Legislature or Legislative Council constituted under the Government of India Act or the Government of India Act, 1935.]

(c) “inquiry” means an inquiry in respect of an election by Commissioners appointed for that purpose by the <sup>2</sup>[Governor General or Governor];

(d) “pleader” means any person entitled to appear and plead for another in a Civil Court, and includes an advocate, a *vakil*, and an attorney of a High Court.

5. Commissioners appointed to hold an inquiry shall have the powers which are vested in a Court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, when trying a suit in respect of the following matters:—  
Powers of  
Commiss-  
ioners.

- (a) discovery and inspection,
- (b) enforcing the attendance of witnesses, and requiring the deposit of their expenses,
- (c) compelling the production of documents,
- (d) examining witnesses on oath,
- (e) granting adjournments,
- (f) reception of evidence taken on affidavit, and
- (g) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses,

and may summon and examine *suo motu* any person whose evidence appears to them to be material; and shall be deemed to be a Civil Court within the meaning of sections 480 and 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

V of 1898.

*Explanation.*—For the purposes of enforcing the attendance of witnesses, the local limits of the Commissioners’ jurisdiction shall be the limits of the Province in which the election was held.

I of 1872.

6. The provisions of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be deemed to apply in all respects to an inquiry.  
Application  
of Act I of  
1872 to  
inquiries.

7. Notwithstanding anything in any enactment to the contrary, no document shall be inadmissible in evidence on the ground that it is not duly stamped or registered.  
Document-  
ary evi-  
dence.

8. (1) No witness shall be excused from answering any question as to any matter relevant to a matter in issue in an inquiry upon the ground that the answer to such question will criminate or may tend, directly or indirectly, to criminate him; or that it will expose, or tend,  
Obligation  
of witness  
to answer  
any certifi-  
cate of in-  
demnity.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original clause.<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G., Governor or Lieutenant Governor”.

(Part II.—*Election inquiries and other matters.*)

directly or indirectly, to expose him to a penalty or forfeiture of any kind:

Provided that—

- (i) no person who has voted at an election shall be required to state for whom he has voted; and
- (ii) a witness who, in the opinion of the Commissioners, has answered truly all questions which he has been required by them to answer shall be entitled to receive a certificate of indemnity, and such certificate may be pleaded by such person in any Court and shall be deemed to be a full and complete defence to or upon any charge under Chapter IXA of the Indian Penal Code arising out of the matter to which such certificate relates, nor shall any such answer be admissible in evidence against him in any suit or other proceeding.

(2) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to relieve a person receiving a certificate of indemnity from any disqualification in connection with an election imposed by any law or any rule having the force of law.

**Appearance  
by pleader.**

9. Any appearance, application or act before the Commissioners may be made or done by the party in person or by a pleader duly appointed to act on his behalf:

Provided that any such appearance shall, if the Commissioners so direct, be made by the party in person.

**Expenses of  
witnesses.**

10. The reasonable expenses incurred by any person in attending to give evidence may be allowed by the Commissioners to such person, and shall, unless the Commissioners otherwise direct, be deemed to be part of the costs.

**Costs and  
pleaders'  
fees, etc.**

11. (1) Costs shall be in the discretion of the Commissioners, and the Commissioners shall have full power to determine by and to whom and to what extent such costs are to be paid and to include in their report all necessary recommendations for the purposes aforesaid. The Commissioners may allow interest on costs at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and such interest shall be added to the costs.

(2) The fees payable by a party in respect of fees of his adversary's pleader shall be such fees as the Commissioners may allow.

**Execution  
of orders as  
to costs.**

12. Any order made by the <sup>1</sup>[Central] Government or <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] <sup>3\*</sup> \* \* on the report of the Commissioners regarding the costs of the inquiry may be produced before the principal Civil Court

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Governor General".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Governor".

<sup>3</sup> The words "or Lieutenant Governor" rep. by the A. O.

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of original jurisdiction within the local limits of whose jurisdiction any person directed by such order to pay any sum of money has a place of residence or business, or, where such place is within the local limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of a chartered High Court, before the Court of Small Causes having jurisdiction there, and such Court shall execute such order or cause it to be executed in the same manner and by the same procedure as if it were a decree for the payment of money made by itself in a suit.

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**13.** Any person who has been convicted of an offence under section 171E or 171F of the Indian Penal Code or has been disqualified from exercising any electoral right, for a period of not less than five years, on account of malpractices in connection with an election shall be disqualified for five years from the date of such conviction or disqualification from—

- (a) being appointed to, or acting in, any judicial office;
- (b) being elected to any office of any local authority when the appointment to such office is by election, or holding or exercising any such office to which no salary is attached;
- (c) being elected or sitting or voting as a member of any local authority; or
- (d) being appointed or acting as a trustee of a public trust:

<sup>1</sup>[Provided that the Governor-General, in the case of an election to a Chamber of the Federal Legislature or the Indian Legislature, and the Governor, in the case of an election to a Chamber of a Provincial Legislature, may, in his discretion, exempt any such person from such disqualification.]

**14.** (1) Every officer, clerk, agent or other person who performs any duties in connection with the recording or counting of votes at an election shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting and shall not (except for some purpose authorised by or under any law) communicate to any person any information calculated to violate such secrecy.

(2) Any person who wilfully acts in contravention of the provisions of this section shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding three months or with fine, or with both.

<sup>2</sup>[15. As respects elections to a Chamber of a Legislature constituted under the Government of India Act, 1935, this Part of this Act shall have effect subject to any relevant provision of any Order in Council or rules made under that Act in relation to such elections.]

26 Geo. 5,  
c. 2.<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original proviso.<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the A. O.Disqualifica-  
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Act XL of 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[14th September, 1920.]

## An Act to establish and incorporate a teaching and residential Muslim University at Aligarh.

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish and incorporate a teaching and residential Muslim University at Aligarh, and to dissolve the Societies <sup>xxi</sup> of registered under the Societies' Registration Act, 1860, which are <sup>1860</sup> respectively known as the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh, and the Muslim University Association, and to transfer to and vest in the said University all properties and rights of the said Societies and of the Muslim University Foundation Committee;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**Short title  
and com-  
mencement.** 1. (1) This Act may be called the Aligarh Muslim University Act, 1920.

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<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 147; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. V, p. 286, and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 1057, 1105 and 1178.

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(2) It shall come into force on such date<sup>1</sup> as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint.

**2.** In this Act, and in all Statutes made hereunder, unless there is Definitions. anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) “ Academic Council ” means the Academic Council of the University;
- (b) “ Court ” means the Court of the University;
- (c) “ Executive Council ” means the Executive Council of the University;
- (d) “ Hall ” means a unit of residence for students of the University, provided or maintained by the University;
- (e) “ registered graduates ” means graduates registered under the provisions of this Act;
- (f) “ Statutes,” “ Ordinances ” and “ Regulations ” mean, respectively, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University for the time being in force;
- (g) “ teachers ” means Professors, Readers, Lecturers, Demonstrators and such other persons as may be appointed for imparting instruction in the University or a Hall; and
- (h) “ University ” means the Aligarh Muslim University.

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**3.** The First Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor who Incorporation. shall be the persons appointed in this behalf by a notification of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], and the persons specified in the Schedule as the first members of the Court and all persons, who may hereafter become, or be appointed as, such officers or members, so long as they continue to hold such office or membership, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Aligarh Muslim University, and shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal and shall sue and be sued by that name.

**4.** From the commencement of this Act—

- (i) the Societies known as the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh, and the Muslim University Association shall be dissolved, and all property, moveable and immoveable, and all rights, powers and privileges of the said Societies and all property, moveable and immoveable, and all rights, powers and privileges of the Muslim University Foundation Committee shall be transferred to and vest in

Dissolution of the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh, and the Muslim University Association, and transfer of all property

<sup>1</sup> This Act was brought into force from the 1st December, 1920, see Gen. R. and O., Vol. IV, p. 573.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “ G. G. in C.”

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “ Gazette of India ”.

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the University and shall be applied to the objects and purposes for which the University is incorporated;

- (ii) all debts, liabilities and obligations of the said Societies and Committee shall be transferred to the University and shall thereafter be discharged and satisfied by it;
- (iii) all references in any enactment to either of the said Societies or to the said Committee shall be construed as references to the University;
- (iv) any will, deed or other document, whether made or executed before or after the commencement of this Act, which contains any bequest, gift or trust in favour either of the said Societies or of the said Committee shall, on the commencement of this Act, be construed as if the University was therein named instead of such Society or Committee;
- (v) subject to any orders which the Court may make, the buildings which belonged to the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh, shall continue to be known and designated by the names and styles by which they were known and designated immediately before the commencement of this Act;
- (vi) subject to the provisions of this Act, every person employed immediately before the commencement of this Act in the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh, shall hold employment in the University by the same tenure and upon the same terms and conditions and with the same rights and privileges as to pension and gratuity as he would have held the same under the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh, if this Act had not been passed.

Powers of  
the  
University.

5. The University shall have the following powers, namely:—

- (1) to provide for instruction in such branches of learning as the University may think fit, and to make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge;
- (2) to promote Oriental and Islamic studies and give instruction in Muslim theology and religion and to impart moral and physical training;
- (3) to hold examinations and to grant and confer degrees and other academic distinctions to and on persons who—
  - (a) shall have pursued a course of study in the University, or
  - (b) are teachers in educational institutions, under conditions laid down in the Statutes and Ordinances, and shall have passed the examinations of the University, under like conditions;
- (4) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved persons in the manner laid down in the Statutes;

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- (5) to grant such diplomas to and to provide such lectures and instruction for persons, not being members of the University, as the University may determine;
  - (6) to co-operate with other Universities and authorities in such manner and for such purposes as the University may determine;
  - (7) to institute Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships and any other teaching posts required by the University, and to appoint persons to such Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships and posts;
  - (8) to institute and award Fellowships (including Travelling Fellowships), Scholarships, Exhibitions and Prizes in accordance with the Statutes and the Ordinances;
  - (9) to institute and maintain Halls for the residence of students of the University;
  - (10) to demand and receive such fees and other charges as may be prescribed by the Ordinances;
  - (11) to supervise and control the residence and discipline of students of the University, and to make arrangements for promoting their health; and
  - (12) to do all such other acts and things whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the University as a teaching and examining body, to cultivate and promote arts, science and other branches of learning, including professional studies, technology, Islamic learning and Muslim theology, and to promote the interests of its students.
6. The degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions granted or <sup>Recognition of degrees.</sup> conferred to or on persons by the University shall be recognised by <sup>any</sup> Government in British India] as are the corresponding degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions granted by any other University incorporated under any enactment.
7. The University shall invest and keep invested in securities in Reserve funds. which trust funds may be invested in accordance with the law for the time being in force relating to trusts in British India a sum of thirty lakhs of rupees as a permanent endowment to meet the recurring charges of the University other than charges in respect of Fellowships, Scholarships, Prizes and rewards:

Provided that—

- (1) any Government securities as defined in the Indian Securities Act, 1920, which may be held by the University shall, for

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the Govt."

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the purposes of this section, be reckoned at their face value; and

- (2) the aforesaid sum of thirty lakhs shall be reduced by such sums as, at the commencement of this Act, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall, by order in writing, declare to be the total capitalised value, for the purpose of this section—
  - (a) of all permanent recurring grants of money which have been made either to the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh, the Muslim University Association or the Muslim University Foundation Committee, by any Ruler of a State in India; and
  - (b) of the total income accruing from immoveable property (not being land or buildings, in the occupation and use of the said College) which by the operation of this Act has been transferred to the University.

University open to all races, creeds and classes.

**8.** The University shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the Ordinances, be open to all persons of either sex and of whatever race, creed or class:

Provided that special provision may be made by the Ordinances exempting women from attending at public lectures and tutorial classes and prescribing for them special courses of study.

**9.** The Court shall have power to make Statutes providing that instruction in the Muslim religion shall be compulsory in the case of Muslim students.

**10.** Every student of the University shall reside either in a Hall or under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

**11. (1)** All recognised teaching in connection with the University courses shall be conducted by and in the name of the University and shall include lecturing, laboratory work and other teaching conducted in the University by the teachers thereof in accordance with any syllabus prescribed by Regulations.

(2) Recognised teaching shall also include tutorial instruction given in the University or, under the control of the University, in Halls: provided that every student not residing in a Hall shall be attached to a Hall for such tutorial instruction and disciplinary supervision and for such other purposes as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(3) The authorities responsible for organising such teaching shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

(4) The courses shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

**12. (1)** The University shall, subject to the Statutes, have power to establish and maintain high schools, within such limits in the Aligarh

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Ss. 12 and 12-A were subs. by the Aligarh Muslim University (Amendment) Act, 1931 (18 of 1931), s. 2, for the original s. 12.

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District as may be laid down in the Ordinances, for the purpose of high schools and other preparing students for admission to the University, and may provide for institutions. instruction in the Muslim religion and theology therein.

(2) The University may also, with the sanction of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] on the recommendation of the Visiting Board, and subject to the Statutes and Ordinances, establish and maintain, within such limits in the Aligarh District as may be laid down in the Ordinances, any other institution whose objects fall within the powers of the University as described in section 5.

**12A.** With the approval of the Academic Council and the sanction Power to of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] on the recommendation of the Visiting recognise Board, and subject to the Statutes and Ordinances, the University may Intermediate colleges and schools. admit Intermediate colleges and schools in the Aligarh District to such privileges of the University as it thinks fit.]

*The Lord Rector.*

**13. (1)** The Governor General shall be the Lord Rector of the <sup>The Lord</sup> University. <sup>Rector.</sup>

(2) The Lord Rector shall have the right to cause an inspection to be made by such person or persons as he may direct, of the University, its buildings, laboratories, and equipment, and of any institution maintained by the University, and also of the examinations, teaching and other work conducted or done by the University, and to cause an inquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter connected with the University. The Lord Rector shall in every case give notice to the University of his intention to cause an inspection or inquiry to be made, and the University shall be entitled to be represented thereat.

(3) The Lord Rector may address the Vice-Chancellor with reference to the result of such inspection and inquiry, and the Vice-Chancellor shall communicate to the Court the views of the Lord Rector with such advice as the Lord Rector may be pleased to offer upon the action to be taken thereon.

(4) The Court shall communicate through the Vice-Chancellor to the Lord Rector such action, if any, as it is proposed to take or has been taken upon the result of such inspection or inquiry.

(5) Where the Court does not, within reasonable time, take action to the satisfaction of the Lord Rector, the Lord Rector may, after considering any explanation furnished or representation made by the Court, issue such directions as he may think fit, and the Court shall comply with such directions.

<sup>2</sup>[(6) In the discharge of his functions as Lord Rector, the Governor-General shall exercise his individual judgment.]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

(*The Visiting Board. Rectors. Officers of the University.*)

*The Visiting Board.*

The Visiting Board.

**14.** <sup>1</sup>[(1) The Visiting Board of the University shall consist of such members as the Governor-General, exercising his individual judgment, may nominate.]

(2) The Visiting Board shall have the right through any of its members to inspect the University and to satisfy itself that the proceedings of the University are in conformity with the Act, Statutes and Ordinances. The Visiting Board shall in every case give notice to the University of its intention to inspect, and the University shall be entitled to be represented at such inspection.

(3) The Visiting Board may, by order in writing, annul any proceedings not in conformity with the Act, Statutes and Ordinances, provided that before making any such order the Board shall call upon the University to show cause why such order should not be made, and if any cause is shown within reasonable time, shall consider the same.

*Rectors.*

Rectors.

**15.** The persons specified in the Statutes shall be the Rectors of the University.

*Officers of the University.*

Officers of the University.

**16.** The following shall be officers of the University:—

- (1) The Chancellor,
- (2) The Pro-Chancellor,
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor,
- (4) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor, and
- (5) Such other officers as may be declared by the Statutes to be officers of the University.

**17.** (1) The successors to the first Chancellor shall be elected by the Court.

(2) The Chancellor shall hold office for three years.

(3) The Chancellor shall, by virtue of his office, be the head of the University.

(4) The Chancellor shall, if present, preside at Convocations of the University held for conferring degrees and at meetings of the Court.

(5) Every proposal for the conferment of an honorary degree shall be subject to the confirmation of the Chancellor.

**18.** (1) The successors to the first Pro-Chancellor shall be elected by the Court.

(2) The Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for three years.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original sub-section. For notification nominating members of the Visiting Board, see Gazette of India, 1937, Pt. I, p. 1446.

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(3) Casual vacancies in the office of the Pro-Chancellor shall be filled by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Executive Council. The person so appointed shall hold office till the next annual meeting of the Court.

(4) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in the absence of the Chancellor, exercise the functions of the Chancellor.

**19.** (1) The successors to the first Vice-Chancellor shall be elected by the Court from among its members. Every such election shall be subject to the approval of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

**20.** (1) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Court. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

(2) He shall hold office for such term and with such powers and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

**21.** The powers of officers of the University other than the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.

#### *Authorities of the University.*

**22.** The following shall be the authorities of the University:—

- (1) The Court,
- (2) The Executive Council,
- (3) The Academic Council, and
- (4) Such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be authorities of the University.

Authorities  
of the  
University.

**23.** (1) The Court shall consist of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor for the time being, and such other persons as may be specified in the Statutes:

Provided that no person other than a Muslim shall be a member thereof.

(2) The Court shall be the supreme governing body of the University and shall exercise all the powers of the University, not otherwise provided for by this Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances and the Regulations. It shall have power to review the acts of the Executive and the Academic Councils (save where such Councils have acted in accordance with powers conferred on them under this Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances) and direct that necessary action be taken by the Executive or the Academic Council, as the case may be, on any recommendations of the Lord Rector.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

(*Authorities of the University. Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations.*)

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Court shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties, namely:—

- (a) of making Statutes and of amending or repealing the same;
- (b) of considering Ordinances;
- (c) of considering and passing resolutions on the annual report, the annual accounts and the financial estimates;
- (d) of electing such persons to serve on authorities of the University and of appointing such officers as may be prescribed by this Act or the Statutes; and
- (e) of exercising such other powers and performing such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by this Act or the Statutes.

**The Executive Council.**

**24.** The Executive Council shall be the executive body of the University. Its constitution and the term of office of its members and its powers and duties shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

**The Academic Council.**

**25.** (1) The Academic Council shall be the academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances, have the control and general regulation of, and be responsible for the maintenance of standards of instruction, and for the education, examination, discipline and health of students, and for the conferment of degrees (other than honorary).

(2) The constitution of the Academic Council and the term of office of its members and its powers and duties shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

**Other authorities of the University.**

**26.** The constitution, powers and duties of such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be authorities of the University, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

#### *Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations.*

**Power to make Statutes.**

**27.** Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) the conferment of honorary degrees and the appointment of Rectors;
- (b) the institution of Fellowships, Scholarships, Exhibitions, Medals and Prizes;
- (c) the terms of office, and the method and conditions of appointment of the officers of the University;
- (d) the designations and powers of officers of the University;
- (e) the constitution, powers and duties of the authorities of the University;
- (f) the classification and mode of appointment of teachers of the University;
- (g) the institution and maintenance of Halls;

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- (h) the constitution of provident and pension funds for the benefit of the officers, teachers and servants of the University;
- (i) the maintenance of a register of registered graduates;
- (j) the instruction of Muslim students in the Muslim religion and theology;
- (k) the establishment of <sup>1</sup>[high schools and other institutions in accordance with the provisions of section 12]; and
- (l) all matters which by this Act are to be or may be prescribed by Statutes.

**28.** (1) The first Statutes are those set out in the Schedule.

Statutes.

(2) The first Statutes may be amended, repealed or added to by Statutes made by the Court in the following manner:—

- (a) The Executive Council may propose to the Court the draft of any Statute to be passed by the Court. Such draft shall be considered by the Court at its next meeting. The Court may approve such draft and pass the Statute, or may reject it or return it to the Executive Council for re-consideration, either in whole or in part, together with any amendments which the Court may suggest.
- (b) The Executive Council shall not propose the draft of any Statute affecting the status, powers or constitution of any existing authority of the University until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion upon the proposal. Any opinion so expressed shall be in writing and shall be considered by the Court.
- (c) No new Statute or amendment or repeal of an existing Statute shall have any validity until it has been submitted through the Visiting Board (which may record its opinion thereon) to the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government], and has been approved by the latter, <sup>3</sup>[which] may sanction, disallow or remit it for further consideration:

Provided that no Statute dealing with the instruction of Muslim students in the Muslim religion and theology shall require to be so submitted or approved.

**29.** Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Ordinances may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

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- (a) the courses of study to be <sup>4</sup>[pursued in] the University;
- (b) the conditions of the award of Fellowships, Scholarships, Exhibitions, Medals and Prizes;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Aligarh Muslim University (Amendment) Act, 1931 (18 of 1931), s. 3, for "Intermediate colleges and schools".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "who".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by Act 18 of 1931, s. 4, for "laid down for all degrees and diplomas of".

- (c) the conditions under which students may be admitted to <sup>1</sup>[courses of study and] examinations of the University, and shall be eligible for degrees and diplomas;
- (d) the admission of students to the University;
- (e) the terms of office and terms and manner of appointment and the duties of Examining Bodies, Examiners, and Moderators and the conduct of examinations;
- (f) the conditions of residence of students of the University, and the levying of fees for residence in Halls and of other charges;
- (g) the conditions under which women may be exempted from attendance at lectures and tutorial classes, and the prescription for them of special courses of study;
- (h) the fees to be charged for courses of study in the University and for admission to the examinations, degrees and diplomas of the University;
- (i) the maintenance of discipline among the students of the University;
- <sup>2</sup>[(j) the management of high schools and other institutions established under section 12;
- (k) the supervision of Intermediate colleges and schools admitted to privileges of the University under section 12-A; and]
- <sup>3</sup>[(l)] all matters which by this Act or the Statutes are to be or may be provided for by Ordinances.

Ordinances.

- 30. (1) The Executive Council or, in academic matters, the Academic Council may make Ordinances.
- (2) The first Ordinances shall be framed as directed by the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government], and shall receive such previous approval as <sup>5</sup>[it] may direct.
- (3) No new Ordinance, or amendment or repeal of an existing Ordinance shall have any validity until it has been submitted through the Court and the Visiting Board (which may record its opinion thereon) to the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government], and has obtained the approval of the latter, <sup>6</sup>[which] may sanction, disallow or remit it for further consideration.
- (4) If any question arises between the Executive and the Academic Councils as to which has the power to make an Ordinance, either Council may represent the matter to the Visiting Board who shall refer the

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Aligarh Muslim University (Amendment) Act, 1931 (18 of 1931), s. 4, for "the degree or diploma courses and to the".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 4, *ibid.*, for the original cl. (j).

<sup>3</sup> Original cl. (k) relettered (l) by s. 4, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "who".

(Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations. Admission and Examinations.)

same to a tribunal consisting of three members, one of whom shall be nominated by the Executive Council, one by the Academic Council, and one shall be a Judge of a High Court nominated by the Lord Rector.

**31.** (1) The authorities of the University may make Regulations consistent with this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances—

- (a) laying down the procedure to be observed at their meetings and the number of members required to form a quorum;
- (b) providing for all matters which by this Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances, are to be prescribed by Regulations; and
- (c) providing for all other matters solely concerning such authorities or committees appointed by them not provided for by this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances.

(2) Every authority of the University shall make Regulations providing for the giving of notice to the members of such authority of the dates of meetings and of the business to be considered at meetings and for the keeping of a record of the proceedings of meetings.

#### *Admission and Examinations.*

**32.** (1) Admission of students to the University shall be made by an Admission Committee consisting of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor,<sup>1</sup> \* \* \* to the University, and such other persons as may be appointed by the Academic Council.

(2) Students shall not be eligible for admission to a course of study for a degree unless they have passed the Intermediate Examination of an Indian University incorporated by any law for the time being in force, or an examination recognised in accordance with the provisions of this section as equivalent to the Intermediate Examination, and possess such further qualifications as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

<sup>2</sup>[(2A) Students shall not be eligible for admission to the Intermediate classes in Arts and Science unless they have passed the Matriculation Examination of an Indian University incorporated by any law for the time being in force, or an examination recognised in accordance with the provisions of this section as equivalent to the Matriculation Examination, and possess such further qualifications as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.]

(3) The conditions under which students may be admitted to the diploma courses of the University shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(4) The University shall not, save with the previous sanction of the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government], recognise (for the purpose of admission to a

<sup>1</sup> The words "the Principal of an Intermediate College who shall be selected by the Vice-Chancellor" rep. by the Aligarh Muslim University (Amendment) Act, 1931 (18 of 1931), s. 5.

<sup>2</sup> Ins., *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

(Admission and Examinations. Annual Report and Accounts.)

course of study <sup>1</sup>[in the University]) as equivalent to its own degrees, any degree conferred by any other University or as equivalent to the Intermediate <sup>2</sup>[or Matriculation] Examination of an Indian University, any examination conducted by any other authority.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the Ordinances, any student of the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh, who immediately before the commencement of this Act was studying for any examination of the Allahabad University higher than the Intermediate Examination shall be permitted to complete his course in preparation thereof. The University shall provide for such students instruction in accordance with the prospectus of studies of the Allahabad University and, notwithstanding anything contained in the Indian VIII of University Act, 1904, any such students may be admitted to the examinations of that University during a period not exceeding four years from the commencement of this Act.

**Examina-  
tions.**

**33.** (1) All arrangements for the conduct of examinations shall be made, and all examiners shall be appointed by the Academic Council in such manner as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(2) At least one examiner who is not a member or a teacher of the University shall be appointed for each subject in a Department of Studies forming part of the course which is required for a University degree.

(3) The Academic Council shall appoint examination committees, consisting of members of its own body or of other persons or of both, as it thinks fit, to moderate examination questions, to prepare the results of the examinations and to report such results to the Executive Council for publication.

*Annual Report and Accounts.*

**Annual  
Report.**

**34.** The annual report of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Executive Council, and shall be submitted to the Court on or before such date as may be prescribed by the Statutes, and shall be considered by the Court at its annual meeting. The Court may pass resolutions thereon and communicate the same to the Executive Council which shall take such action thereon as it thinks fit.

**Annual  
accounts.**

**35.** (1) The annual accounts and balance-sheet of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Executive Council, and shall once at least every year and at intervals of not more than fifteen months be audited by auditors appointed by the Visiting Board.

(2) The annual accounts when audited shall be published in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], and a copy of the accounts, together with the auditor's report, shall be submitted through the Visiting Board to the Lord Rector.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Aligarh Muslim University (Amendment) Act, 1931 (18 of 1931), s. 5, for "for a degree".

<sup>2</sup> Ins., *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India and in the Local Official Gazette".

(Annual Report and Accounts. Supplementary Provisions.)

(3) The annual accounts and the financial estimates shall be considered by the Court at its annual meeting, and the Court may pass resolutions thereon and communicate the same to the Executive Council which shall take such action thereon as it thinks fit.

### *Supplementary Provisions.*

**36.** (1) Every salaried officer and teacher of the University shall be appointed on a written contract, which shall be lodged with the University and a copy of which shall be furnished to the officer or teacher concerned.

Conditions  
of service of  
officers and  
teachers.

(2) Any dispute arising out of a contract between the University and any of its officers or teachers shall, at the request of the officer or teacher concerned, be referred to a tribunal of arbitration consisting of one member appointed by the Executive Council, one member nominated by the officer or teacher concerned and an umpire appointed by the Visiting Board. The decision of the tribunal shall be final, and no suit shall lie in any Civil Court in respect of the matters decided by the tribunal. Every such request shall be deemed to be a submission to arbitration upon the terms of this section within the meaning of the Indian Arbitration Act, 1899, and all the provisions of that Act, with the exception of section 2 thereof, shall apply accordingly.

IX of 1899.

**37.** (1) The University shall constitute for the benefit of its officers, teachers and servants such provident and pension funds as it may deem fit in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

IX of 1897.

(2) Where such provident or pension fund has been so constituted, the [Central Government] may declare that the provisions of the Provident Funds Act, 1897, shall apply to such fund, as if it were a Government provident fund.

**38.** (1) Subject to any provision in this Act and in the Statutes, the Executive Council shall appoint persons to fill casual vacancies in the offices of Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor. Persons so appointed shall hold office till the next meeting of the Court.

Filling of  
casual  
vacancies.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 18, other casual vacancies in any office of any authority shall be filled up by the authority which has power to appoint to the office or authority: provided that when the Court is the appointing authority the casual vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Council, and the person so appointed shall hold office till the next meeting of the Court.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

(*Supplementary Provisions. The Schedule.—First Statutes of the University.*)

Proceedings  
of  
University  
authorities  
not  
invalidated  
by  
vacancies.  
Power to  
remove  
difficulties.

**39.** No act or proceeding of any authority of the University shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or vacancies among its members.

Appointment  
of Pro-Vice-  
Chancellor  
not  
obligatory.

**40.** (1) If any difficulty arises with respect to the establishment of the University or any authority of the University or in connection with the first meeting of any authority of the University, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may by order<sup>2</sup> make any appointment or do anything which appears to <sup>3</sup>[it] necessary or expedient for the proper establishment of the University or any authority thereof or for the first meeting of any authority of the University.

(2) Any such order may modify the provisions of this Act and the Statutes so far as may appear to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] to be necessary or expedient for carrying the order into effect.

**41.** Nothing contained in this Act or in any Statute, Ordinance, or Regulation thereunder shall be deemed to make the appointment or reappointment of a Pro-Vice-Chancellor obligatory, and every reference therein to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be construed as referring to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, if any.]

## THE SCHEDULE.

(See section 28.)

### *First Statutes of the University.*

Rectors.

**1.** (1) The following persons shall be Rectors of the University, namely:—

- (i) all <sup>5</sup>[Governors and Chief Commissioners in British India;]
- (ii) such Rulers of States in India, Princes, and other persons as the Lord Rector may, of his own motion or on the recommendation of the Court, appoint.

(2) The Chancellor may also, on the recommendation of the Academic Council, appoint persons of eminent position or attainments to be Rectors.

**2.** The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-election.

**3.** (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall take rank in the University next to the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor, and shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Executive Council and the Academic Council, and, in the

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> For such order, see Gen. R. and O., Vol. IV, p. 578.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "him".

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the Aligarh Muslim University (Amendment) Act, 1935 (6 of 1935), s. 2.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Heads of Local Governments".

The Vice-  
Chancellor.

Powers of  
the Vice-  
Chancellor.

(*The Schedule.—First Statutes of the University.*)

absence of the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor, shall preside at Convocations of the University held for conferring degrees and at meetings of the Court.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to see that the Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances and the Regulations are duly observed, and he shall have all powers necessary for that purpose.

(3) He shall have the power of convening meetings of the Court and the Executive Council and shall perform all such acts as may be necessary to carry out or further the provisions of the Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances.

(4) If any emergency arises in which in his opinion immediate action should be taken, he shall take such action as he deems necessary and report the fact to the authority which in the ordinary course would have dealt with the matter.

(5) He shall be the sole medium of communication between the University and the following authorities, namely, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], the Lord Rector and the Visiting Board.

4. (1) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be the principal academic officer of the University and shall be a whole-time salaried officer thereof. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

(2) He shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Executive Council and the Academic Council and, in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, shall preside at meetings of the Academic Council. He shall also have power to convene meetings of the Academic Council.

(3) He shall hold office for five years and be eligible for re-appointment.

5. (1) The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Court on such conditions and for such period as the Court may think fit. The Treasurer.

(2) He shall exercise general supervision over the funds of the University and advise in regard to its financial policy.

(3) He shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Executive Council and shall, subject to the control of the Executive Council, manage the property and investments of the University. He shall be responsible for the presentation of the annual estimates and accounts.

(4) Subject to the powers of the Executive Council, he shall be responsible for seeing that all moneys are expended on the purposes for which they are granted or allotted.

(5) He shall exercise such other powers as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

6. (1) The Registrar shall be a whole-time paid officer of the University appointed by the Court. The Registrar.

(2) He shall hold office for five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

(*The Schedule.—First Statutes of the University.*)

(3) The Registrar shall—

- (a) be the custodian of the records, the seal and such other property of the University as is committed to his charge;
- (b) keep and maintain the register of registered graduates;
- (c) attend and act as Secretary at meetings of the Executive and Academic Councils and, if deemed necessary, of the Departments of Studies, and any committees appointed by such bodies, and to keep the minutes thereof;
- (d) under the superintendence of the Academic Council and the examination committees arrange for and superintend the examinations of the University; and
- (e) perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Ordinances and Regulations.

**The Proctor  
and  
Librarian.**

7. (1) The following officers shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Academic Council:—

- (i) A Proctor for the maintenance of the discipline of the students of the University;
- (ii) A Librarian for the University Library.

(2) The Academic Council may delegate to the Proctor such of its powers as regards discipline as it thinks fit.

**The Court.**

8. The Court shall, subject to provisions hereinafter contained, consist of the following members:—

#### *Class I.—Ex-Officio Members.*

The Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor for the time being shall be *Ex-Officio Members*.

#### *Class II.—Foundation Members.*

The persons named in the Annexure to this Schedule shall be Foundation Members.

#### *Class III.—Life Members.*

Every person who has contributed to the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh, the Muslim University Association or the Muslim University Foundation Committee a donation of one lakh of rupees or upwards or has transferred property of like value to any of the said institutions and all persons who shall hereafter make such a donation or transfer shall be a Life Member.

#### *Class IV.—Ordinary Members.*

Ordinary Members shall be persons elected or appointed as follows:—

- (1) Ten persons to represent such States in India as have contributed or shall contribute one lakh of rupees and upwards,

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together with a permanent recurring grant, to or for the purposes of the University, who shall be nominated by such States.

- (2) Sixty persons to be elected by persons who have made or shall make donations of five hundred rupees and upwards to or for the purposes of the University.
- (3) Forty persons to be elected by the registered graduates of the University, of whom not less than twenty shall for the first fifteen years after the commencement of this Act be persons who have been educated at the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh, and are members of an Association recognised for that purpose by the Court.

Persons to be eligible for election under this provision must be registered graduates of not less than ten years' standing.

- (4) Twenty persons to be elected by the Central Standing Committee of the All-India Muhammadan Educational Conference from among its own members, not less than ten of whom shall be persons who have been engaged for at least five years in teaching:

Provided that no person shall be qualified to vote in more than one electorate under any of the three last preceding clauses.

- (5) Ten persons to be nominated by the Chancellor.
- (6) Thirty-three persons to be elected by the Court, namely:—
  - (i) nine persons to represent Islamia Colleges and other Muslim educational institutions not under the control of the University;
  - (ii) fifteen persons engaged in the learned professions; and
  - (iii) nine persons learned in the Muslim religion and Oriental studies; and
- (7) Fifteen persons to be elected by the Academic Council from among its own members.

**9.** (1) The members provided for in Classes I, II, III and clause (1) The First Court. of Class IV shall be the members of the First Court.

(2) At the first meeting of the Court, which shall be held as soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, the thirty-three persons specified in clause (6) of Class IV shall be elected.

(3) The Academic Council shall elect its representatives at its first meeting.

(4) Any member of the Court may be removed by a resolution, passed by a majority consisting of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Court to the effect that—

- (i) he has become incapable of performing his duties, or

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- (ii) he has acted against the interests of the University, or
- (iii) he has been convicted by a Court of law of what, in the opinion of the Court, is a serious offence.

Retirement  
of  
Foundation  
Members.

**10.** (1) Every Foundation Member of the Court shall, unless his office is previously vacated, hold office for five years from the commencement of this Act.

(2) At the end of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth years after the commencement of this Act, as nearly as may be, one-fifth in number of the total number of the Foundation Members remaining at the end of the fifth year, shall in each of these years resign, and at the end of the ninth year all the Foundation Members then remaining shall resign.

(3) The order in which the Foundation Members shall resign shall be the reverse order to which their names appear in the Annexure to this Schedule.

(4) A Foundation Member who is required to retire under the provisions of this clause shall be eligible for election as an Ordinary Member in a vacancy occurring after his retirement.

Election of  
ordinary  
members.

**11.** (1) After the fifth and subsequent annual meetings up to the ninth, there shall be annually appointed in accordance with the provisions of clauses (2) to (5) of Class IV the following number of Ordinary Members, namely:—

In clause (2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
In clause (3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
In clause (4)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
In clause (5)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

(2) When an electoral body entitled to elect a member or members fails to do so within the time prescribed, the Court may elect any qualified person or persons of the class from which such electoral body was entitled to elect to be an Ordinary Member.

General  
provisions as  
to Members  
of the Court.

**12.** (1) All Ordinary Members shall hold office for five years from the date of their election.

(2) Any casual vacancies among the nominated or elected members shall be filled, as soon as conveniently may be, by the person or body who nominated or elected the member whose place has become vacant, and the person nominated or elected to such vacancy shall be a member for the residue of the term for which the person in whose place he is nominated or elected was a member.

(3) The Executive Council may, subject to the provisions of these Statutes, make rules prescribing the qualifications of the electors, the mode of election and other conditions to which the electors and the elected members shall be subject.

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**13.** (1) The Court shall, on a date to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor, meet once a year at a meeting to be called the annual meeting of the Court.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor may, whenever he thinks fit, and shall upon requisition in writing signed by not less than thirty members of the Court, convene a special meeting of the Court.

(3) Twenty-five members shall form a quorum.

**14.** (1) The Court may, by resolutions passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting,—

(a) on the recommendation of the Academic Council through the Executive Council, make proposals to the Chancellor for the conferment of honorary degrees;

(b) on the recommendation of the Executive Council, withdraw any ordinary degree or diploma conferred by the University; and

(c) with the sanction of the Chancellor, withdraw any honorary degree.

(2) In cases of urgency the Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Executive Council alone, confer an honorary degree.

**15.** (1) The Executive Council shall consist of not more than thirty members.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, the Principal of an Intermediate College maintained by the University, who shall be selected by the Vice-Chancellor and the Treasurer, shall be *ex-officio* members of the Executive Council.

(3) Six other members shall be elected by the Academic Council and twenty shall be elected by the Court, of whom not less than seven shall be residents of places outside the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh.

(4) Elected members shall hold office for three years, provided that at the second annual meeting of the Court and at the third annual meeting of the Court six of the first members elected by it shall retire by ballot.

(5) Eleven members of the Council shall form a quorum.

(6) The Executive Council may make rules prescribing the mode of election and the conditions to which the elected members shall be subject.

**16.** (1) The Executive Council shall, subject to the control of the Court and to the Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances, administer the revenue and property of the University, regulate the finances, accounts and investments and perform all such duties and such acts as may be necessary for the business of the University.

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- (2) (a) In particular the Executive Council shall have power to make and vary investments, purchase, accept and sell moveable or immoveable property, enter into and carry out or cancel contracts and appoint persons to execute and register the same;
- (b) It shall maintain the buildings, premises, furniture and apparatus needed for the work of the University;
- (c) It shall grant leave to officers, teachers and servants in accordance with the Ordinances and Regulations and, subject to the provisions of section 36 of the Act, deal with any grievances of any such officers, teachers or servants;
- (d) It shall maintain a register of donors of the University;
- (e) It shall maintain the University press;
- (f) It shall on the recommendation of the Academic Council prescribe the fees and charges payable by students;
- (g) It shall fix the fees and allowances of examiners, moderators and other persons engaged in the University examinations; and
- (h) It shall be the managing body of any Intermediate college or school maintained by the University, and shall supervise any Intermediate colleges and schools admitted to privileges by the University.

**The Academic Council.**

17. (1) The Academic Council shall consist of the following persons, namely:—

- (i) The Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (ii) The Chairman of the Departments of Studies;
- (iii) The Librarian and the Proctor;
- (iv) Two persons elected by the Court;
- (v) Two persons nominated by the Visiting Board; and
- (vi) Five persons co-opted by the other members of the Council, two of whom at least shall be Heads of Halls, two Professors or Readers, and one a person not engaged in teaching in the University.
- (2) Eleven members of the Academic Council shall form a quorum.
- (3) Members other than *ex-officio* members shall hold office for three years.

**Powers  
of the  
Academic  
Council.**

18. (1) The Academic Council shall—

- (i) arrange and supervise the work of education in the University;
- (ii) recommend to the Executive Council the creation and abolition of posts in the educational and tutorial staff;
- (iii) subject to conditions imposed by any trust, fix the time, mode and terms of competition for Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Medals and Prizes and award the same;
- (iv) conduct the examinations and publish the results thereof in the University Gazette;

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- (v) have entire charge of the discipline of the students in the University;
- (vi) publish and revise lists of prescribed and recommended books, if any, and prescribe syllabuses in consultation with the Departments of Studies;
- (vii) appoint a library committee with such powers as may be prescribed in the Ordinances; and
- (viii) publish the University Gazette.

(2) All decisions of the Academic Council as regards matters of discipline of students, syllabuses of studies and the conduct of examinations shall be final, with the exception of those which relate to the Departments of Theology whose proceedings shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

**19.** (1) There shall be Departments of Studies in the following Departments of Studies. branches of knowledge, namely:—

- (i) English language and literature,
- (ii) History and Political Science,
- (iii) Economics,
- (iv) Philosophy and Psychology,
- (v) Physics,
- (vi) Chemistry,
- (vii) Mathematics and Astronomy,
- (viii) Geography,
- (ix) Sunni Theology,
- (x) Shia Theology,
- (xi) Islamic Studies,
- (xii) Arabic language and literature,
- (xiii) Persian,
- (xiv) Urdu,
- (xv) Law.

(2) As soon as circumstances permit, there shall also be Departments of Studies in the following branches of knowledge, namely:—

- (i) Education,
- (ii) Botany,
- (iii) Zoology,
- (iv) Agriculture,
- (v) Medicine,
- (vi) Commerce,
- (vii) Technology, and
- (viii) such other departments as the Court, on the recommendation of the Academic Council made through the Executive Council, may institute.

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- (3) Each Department of Studies shall—
  - (a) consist of the teachers in the subject with which the Department is concerned: provided that the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be an *ex-officio* member of each Department;
  - (b) have power to co-opt specialists not exceeding two in number, except in the case of the Department of Law, which shall co-opt four members, two of whom shall be Judges of a High Court;
  - (c) elect from among the Professors and Readers of the department its own Chairman who shall hold office for three years, but must resign if at any time he ceases to be a Professor or Reader;
  - (d) recommend to the Academic Council courses and syllabuses of studies and text-books for its subjects; and
  - (e) make recommendations to the Academic Council in respect of Fellowships, Scholarships and Studentships, Medals and Prizes in the subject with which it is concerned.

- (4) The Academic Council may assign teachers of cognate subjects to a Department of Study.

**Appointments.**

**20.** Subject to the general control of the Court, all appointments on the teaching staff shall be made by the Executive Council from a list of persons recommended as suitable therefor by a Committee of Appointment consisting of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, the Chairman of the Department of Studies concerned and three other persons appointed by the Academic Council. Other appointments, unless otherwise provided for, shall be made by the Executive Council.

**Register of graduates.**

**21.** The register of registered graduates shall, subject to conditions prescribed by the Ordinances, contain the names of—

- (1) the graduates of the University; and
  - (2) graduates of other Universities who have been educated for at least two years at the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh,
- separately entered therein.

**Convocation.**

**22.** Convocations of the University for the conferring of degrees or for other purposes shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

**Committees.**

**23.** Any authority of the University may appoint such and so many standing or special committees as to it may seem fit, and may appoint to them persons who are not members of such authority. Such committees may deal with any subject delegated to them, subject to subsequent confirmation by the authority appointing them.

**Acting President of meetings.**

**24.** Where no provision is made for a president or chairman to preside over a meeting, authority or committee or when the president or

(*The Schedule.—First Statutes of the University. The Annexure.—Foundation Members of the First Court.*)

chairman so provided for is absent, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside at the meeting.

25. Any member of the Court, the Executive Council, the Academic Resignation Council or any other University authority or committee may resign by letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor.

26. Every officer of the University and every member of any authority whose term of office or membership has expired shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election, as the case may be.

### THE ANNEXURE.

(*See section 8 of the First Statutes.*)

#### FOUNDATION MEMBERS OF THE FIRST COURT.

1. The Hon'ble Nawab Mumtaz-ud-daula Sir Muhammad Faiyaz Ali Khan, K.C.I.E., K.C.V.O., C.S.I., C.B.E., of Pahasu, Bulandshahr.
2. Saiyid Muhammad Mir, Esq., Pleader, Delhi.
3. The Hon'ble Nawab Muhammad Muzammil-ullah Khan, Khan Bahadur, O.B.E., of Bhikampur, Aligarh.
4. The Hon'ble Nawab Muhammad Abdul Majid, C.I.E., Barrister-at-Law, Allahabad.
5. The Hon'ble Saiyid Mahomed Ali, Retired District and Sessions Judge, Aligarh.
6. Shams-ul-ulama Saiyid Amjad Ali, M.A., Sadiqpur, Patna.
7. Nawab Imadul-Mulk Bahadur, Saiyid Hussain Bilgrami, B.A., C.S.I., Retired Director of Public Instruction, His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Government, Hyderabad State.
8. Maulvi Nizam-ud-din Hasan, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Lucknow.
9. Haji Muhammad Moosa Khan, Dataoli, Aligarh.
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## THE CUTCHI MEMONS ACT, 1920.

ACT NO. XLVI OF 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[17th September, 1920.]

An Act to enable Cutchi Memons to be governed in matters of succession and inheritance by the Muhammadan law.

WHEREAS it is expedient to enable those Cutchi Memons who so desire to be governed in matters of succession and inheritance by the Muhammadan law; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**Short title.****Power to make a declaration.**

1. This Act may be called the Cutchi Memons Act, 1920.
2. <sup>2</sup>[(1)] <sup>3</sup>[Any person who satisfies the prescribed authority—
  - (a) that he is a Cutchi Memon and is the person whom he represents himself to be;
  - (b) that he is competent to contract within the meaning of section 11 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872; and
  - (c) that he is resident in British India;]

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may by declaration in the prescribed form and filed before the prescribed authority declare that he desires to obtain the benefit of this Act, and thereafter the declarant and all his minor children and their descendants shall in matters of succession and inheritance be governed by the Muhammadan law.

<sup>4</sup>[(2) Where the prescribed authority refuses to accept a declaration under sub-section (1), the person desiring to make the same may appeal to such officer as the <sup>5</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by general or special order, appoint in this behalf, and such officer may, if he is satisfied that the appellant is entitled to make the declaration, order the prescribed authority to accept the same.]

**Rule-making power of Provincial Governments.**

3. <sup>6</sup>[(1) The <sup>5</sup>[Provincial Government] may make rules<sup>7</sup> to carry into effect the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) for prescribing the authority before whom and the form in which declarations under this Act shall be made;

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 38; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. V, p. 275, and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 139, 1117 and 1288.

<sup>2</sup> The original s. 2 was renumbered as sub-section (1) of that section by the Cutchi Memons (Amendment) Act, 1928 (34 of 1928), s. 2.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 2, *ibid.*, for "Any Cutchi Memon who—
 

- (a) has attained the age of Majority, and
- (b) is resident in British India,".

<sup>4</sup> Ins., *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by Act 34 of 1923, s. 3, for the original sub-section.

<sup>7</sup> For such rules for Madras, see Fort St. George Gazette, 1922, Pt. I, p. 1288. For such rules for Bombay, see Bombay Local Rules and Orders, Vol. II, p. 855.

(b) for prescribing the fees to be paid for the filing of declarations and for the attendance at private residences of any person in the discharge of his duties under this Act; and for prescribing the times at which such fees shall be payable and the manner in which they shall be levied.]

<sup>1</sup>[(3) Rules made under the provisions of this section shall be published in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette] and shall thereupon have effect as if enacted in this Act.

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ACT NO. XLVII OF 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[19th September, 1920.]

## An Act to constitute an Imperial Bank of India and for other purposes.

WHEREAS it is expedient to constitute an Imperial Bank of India and to transfer to the Bank so constituted the undertaking of each of the Presidency Banks and to dissolve those Banks and to make provision for the regulation and management of the Imperial Bank of India; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**Short title  
and com-  
mencement.**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Imperial Bank of India Act, 1920.

(2) It shall come into force on such <sup>2</sup>date as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint.

**Definitions.**

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “appointed day” means such day as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may appoint for the commencement of this Act;

(b) “the Bank of Bengal”, “the Bank of Madras” and “the Bank of Bombay” mean, respectively, those Banks as constituted by the Presidency Banks Act, 1876<sup>5</sup>; XI of 1876.

(c) “dividend” includes bonus;

(d) “general meeting” means the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank;

(e) “goods” includes also bullion, wares and merchandise;

(f) “local meeting” means the annual meeting of the shareholders whose names are registered in a branch register;

(g) “meeting” includes an adjourned holding of a meeting;

(h) “prescribed” means prescribed by bye-laws made under this Act;

(i) “Presidency Banks” means the Bank of Bengal, the Bank of Madras and the Bank of Bombay as constituted by the Presidency Banks Act, 1876<sup>5</sup>, and a “Presidency Bank” means any one of these Banks; XI of 1876.

[(ii) “secretary” and “deputy secretary” mean, respectively, a secretary and treasurer and a deputy secretary and treasurer of the Bank.]

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 74; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. V, p. 184, and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 491, 738, 1003 and 1164.

<sup>2</sup> This Act was brought into force from the 27th January, 1921, see Gen. R. and O., Vol. IV, p. 578.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Gazette of India”.

<sup>5</sup> Rep. by this Act.

<sup>6</sup> Ins. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 2.

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- (j) “ special local meeting ” means a meeting of the shareholders whose names are registered in a branch register, convened for the transaction of some particular business specified in the notice convening the meeting;
  - (k) “ special local resolution ” means a resolution passed at a special local meeting;
  - (l) “ special meeting ” means a meeting of shareholders convened for the transaction of some particular business specified in the notice convening the meeting; and
  - (m) “ special resolution ” means a resolution passed at a special meeting.
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## CHAPTER I.

### *Establishment and Incorporation of the Imperial Bank of India.*

3. (1) A Bank to be called the Imperial Bank of India and in this <sup>Establish-</sup> <sub>Act referred to as “ the Bank ” shall be constituted for the purpose of</sub> <sup>ment of the</sup> <sub>Imperial</sub> taking over the undertakings of the Presidency Banks and to carry on <sub>Bank.</sub> the business of banking in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) Every person who, immediately before the appointed day, was registered as a shareholder or as a holder of stock in any of the Presidency Banks, together with such other persons as may from time to time become shareholders in the Bank in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall, as long as they are shareholders in the Bank, constitute a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal under the name of the Imperial Bank of India and shall sue and be sued in that name.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the capital of the Bank shall consist of one hundred and twelve millions and five hundred thousand rupees divided into shares of five hundred rupees each.

(4) The liability of the shareholders of the Bank shall be limited to the amount not fully paid up on their shares.

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## CHAPTER II.

### *Transfer of the undertakings of Presidency Banks to the Imperial Bank.*

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, as from the appointed day, the undertakings of each of the Presidency Banks shall be transferred to and shall vest in the Bank. <sup>Transfer of assets and liabilities.</sup>

(*Chapter II.—Transfer of the undertakings of Presidency Banks to the Imperial Bank.*).

(2) The undertaking of a Presidency Bank shall be deemed to include all rights, powers, authorities and privileges and all property, moveable or immoveable, including cash balances, reserve funds, investments and all other interests and rights in or arising out of such property as may be in the possession of that Bank immediately before the appointed day, and all books, accounts and documents relating thereto, and shall also be deemed to include all debts, liabilities and obligations of whatever kind then existing of that Bank.

(3) If, on the appointed day, any suit, appeal or legal proceeding of whatever nature is pending by or against any Presidency Bank, the same shall not abate, be discontinued or be in any way prejudicially affected by reason of the transfer to the Bank of the undertaking of such Presidency Bank or of anything in this Act, but the suit, appeal or proceeding may be continued, prosecuted and enforced by or against the Bank.

(4) All contracts, deeds, bonds, agreements and other instruments of whatever nature subsisting or having effect immediately before the appointed day and to which any Presidency Bank is a party shall be of as full force and effect against or in favour of the Bank, as the case may be, and may be enforced as fully and effectually as if instead of the Presidency Bank the Bank had been a party thereto.

5. (1) The name of every person who immediately before the appointed day was registered as a shareholder in any of the Presidency Banks shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of this Act hereinafter appearing as holding the same number of shares in the Bank as stood in his name in the register of such Presidency Bank:

Provided that, for the purposes of this section two half-shares standing in the name of any such person in the register of any Presidency Bank shall be taken as the equivalent of one share, and odd half-shares shall be dealt with as hereinafter provided.

(2) The name of every person who immediately before the appointed day was registered as a holder of stock in any of the Presidency Banks shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of this Act hereinafter appearing as holding one share in the Bank for every Rupees five hundred of stock of which he was the registered holder in such Presidency Bank, and odd amounts of stock not amounting to Rupees five hundred shall be dealt with as hereinafter provided.

(3) The Bank shall issue fractional certificates to the holders of odd half-shares and of odd amounts of stock, not amounting to Rupees five hundred, certifying, as the case may be, that the holder is entitled to one-half of one fully paid share or such fraction of a share as the odd amount of stock is of Rupees five hundred.

Terms of  
transfer as  
regards  
sharehold-  
ers in the  
Presidency  
Banks.

(*Chapter II.—Transfer of the undertakings of Presidency Banks to the Imperial Bank.*)

(4) Holders of fractional certificates shall, if resident in India, within three months and, in any other case, within six months from the date of the certificate either—

- (i) surrender their fractional certificates with other similar fractional certificates representing in all one fully paid share, in which case the surrenderor shall be entitled to be registered as a shareholder and to have a fresh certificate for a fully paid share in the Bank issued to him and be entitled to an allotment of new shares in the same way as if he had been the holder of one fully paid share, or
- (ii) at their option surrender the fractional certificates to the Bank, in which case the Bank shall be entitled to sell the shares represented by the fractions so surrendered from time to time in such manner as the Bank deems expedient, and the aggregate net sale proceeds realized by such sale or sales shall be divided proportionately and paid by the Bank to the holders of fractional certificates for whose account the shares may have been so sold.

(5) Every shareholder of the Bank whose name has been registered in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be entitled, in respect of every share of which he is so registered as the holder, to an allotment to himself or to his nominee (provided that such nominee is approved by the Bank) of two shares in the Bank with the sum of Rupees one hundred and twenty-five credited as paid up on payment in respect of each share, in the case of a former shareholder or stockholder of the Bank of Bengal or the Bank of Bombay, of Rupees one hundred and twenty-five, and of the Bank of Madras of Rupees two hundred and twenty-five.

(6) The Bank shall cause notice to be published in the <sup>1</sup>[Official Gazette] and in two daily papers in each Presidency, and shall also send by post to every person whose name immediately before the appointed day was entered in the register of shareholders or stockholders of any of the Presidency Banks, a notice giving particulars of the terms hereinbefore set out as to the allotment of new shares and the surrender of fractional certificates, and as to the manner and form in which application for the allotment of new shares and the surrender of fractional certificates is to be made.

(7) If within a period of three months from the date of publication in the <sup>1</sup>[Official Gazette] of the notice referred to in sub-section (6), any shareholder has not made an application for the allotment of new

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

*(Chapter II.—Transfer of the undertakings of Presidency Banks to the Imperial Bank.)*

shares to which he is entitled, the Bank may offer such shares for public subscription and allot them to any person applying therefor:

Provided that the Bank in the case of shareholders whose addresses are out of British India may, either generally or in any particular instance, fix an extended period for the admission of applications, but in no case shall that period be later than six months from the date of the publication of the notice in the <sup>1</sup>[Official Gazette].

**Existing officers and servants of Presidency Banks and existing Provident Funds.**

6. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, every officer and servant employed immediately before the appointed day by a Presidency Bank shall, from the appointed day, become an officer or servant of the Bank, and shall hold his office or service therein by the same tenure and upon the same terms and conditions and with the same rights and privileges as to pension or gratuity as he would have held the same under the Presidency Bank if this Act had not been passed.

(2) Any person who, on the appointed day, has been granted or is in receipt of a pension or other superannuation or compassionate allowance from a Presidency Bank shall be entitled to be paid by, and to receive from, the Bank the same pension or allowance so long as he observes the conditions on which the pension or allowance was granted. Any question whether he has so observed such conditions shall, in case of any difference arising, be determined by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government].

(3) For the directors and officers of the Banks of Bombay and Madras who are at the commencement of this Act the respective trustees of the following Funds, that is to say,—

- (a) the Bank of Bombay Officers' Pension and Guarantee Fund,  
and
- (b) the Bank of Madras Pension and Gratuity Fund, and the  
Bank of Madras Officers' Provident and Mutual Guarantee  
Fund,

there shall be substituted as trustees of those Funds, respectively, the members for the time being and the corresponding officers of the Local Boards of the Bank at Bombay and Madras; and if any doubt arises as to who are the corresponding officers to the officers who are trustees at the commencement of this Act, the decision of the Central Board shall be final.

**Dissolution of Presidency Banks.**

7. As from the appointed day the Presidency Banks shall be dissolved, and thereafter no person shall make, assert or take any claims, demands or proceedings against any of the said Banks or against a director or officer thereof, in his capacity as such director or officer, except in so far as may be necessary for enforcing the provisions of this Act.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

(Chapter III.—Business of the Bank.)

## CHAPTER III.

*Business of the Bank.*

**8.** Subject to the provisions of this Act, the business which the Bank is authorised to carry on and transact shall be the several kinds of business specified in Schedule I, subject to the limitations therein mentioned.

**9.** [Business of London Office.] *Rep. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (III of 1934), s. 3.*

**10.** (I) It shall also be lawful for the Bank under any agreement with <sup>Bank may do Government business.</sup> <sup>1</sup>[the Reserve Bank of India]—

(i) <sup>2</sup>\* \* \* to pay, receive, collect and remit money, bullion and securities <sup>3</sup>[as agent for the Reserve Bank of India] on behalf of <sup>4</sup>[any Government];

(ii) to undertake and transact any other business which <sup>5</sup>[the Reserve Bank of India] may from time to time entrust to the Bank.

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**11.** For the purpose of providing buildings and places in and at Acquisition which to carry on and manage the business of the Bank, and proper <sup>of business premises.</sup> residences for its officers and servants the Bank may—

(a) acquire any interest in immoveable property and

(b) sell, buy, re-sell, exchange, let, furnish, repair, insure against fire and other risks or deal with all or any part of the same as it may consider most conducive to the interests of the Bank.

**12.** Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Bank may—

(a) maintain, as branches or agencies of the Bank, any branches or agencies of the Presidency Banks which were in existence immediately before the appointed day, and may establish branches or agencies at such places <sup>7</sup>[, whether in India or elsewhere,] as it deems advantageous, for the interests of the Bank, and

(b) discontinue any branch or agency maintained or established under this section.

Establish-  
ment of  
branches  
and  
agencies.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 4, for “the Secretary of State for India in Council”.

<sup>2</sup> The words “to act as banker for, and” rep. by s. 4, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by s. 4, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “the Govt.”

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by Act 3 of 1934, s. 4, for “the Govt.”

<sup>6</sup> Sub-section (2) rep. by s. 4, *ibid.*

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by s. 5, *ibid.*

## (Chapter III.—Business of the Bank. Chapter IV.—Shares.)

Power of  
Bank to  
take over  
business of  
certain  
other Banks  
and for that  
purpose to  
increase its  
capital.

**13.** (1) With the sanction of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], the Bank may enter into negotiations for and purchase and take over the business, including the capital, assets and liabilities, of any banking company carrying on business in India <sup>2</sup>[or elsewhere] of which the capital is divided into shares, and may pay the consideration for such purchase either in cash or by the allotment of shares in the capital of the Bank, or partly in one and partly in the other of these ways, and may (subject to the provisions of this Act relating to the increase of capital) for the purpose of any such allotment of shares, increase the capital of the Bank by the issue of such number of shares as may be determined on by the Bank.

(2) Any business so purchased shall after the purchase be carried on by the Bank subject to the provisions of this Act.

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Power of  
Bank to  
grant loans  
to certain  
other  
Banks.

**13A.** Notwithstanding anything contained in Schedule I, the Bank may, either alone or conjointly with other persons, for the purpose of averting the winding up of any company <sup>3</sup>\* \* \* having a share capital which is expressed in rupees in its memorandum of association or of any society registered under the Co-operative Societies Act, 1912, II of 1912, <sup>4</sup>[or any other law for the time being in force in British India <sup>5</sup>[or British Burma] relating to co-operative societies] or, where any such company or society is being wound up, of facilitating the winding up, advance or lend money to, or open a cash-credit in favour of, such company, or society or the liquidators thereof, as the case may be, for any period upon the security of all or any of the assets whatsoever of such company or society.]

## CHAPTER IV.

*Shares.*

Nature of  
shares.

**14.** (1) The shares of the Bank shall be moveable property,

(2) Each share in the Bank shall be distinguished by its appropriate number.

Certificate of  
shares.

**15.** A certificate under the common or official seal of the Bank, specifying the shares held by any shareholder shall be *prima facie* evidence of the title of the shareholder to the shares therein specified.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 6.

<sup>3</sup> The Explanation rep., *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1924 (17 of 1924), s. 2.

<sup>5</sup> The words "as defined in section 13" rep. by Act 3 of 1934, s. 7.

<sup>6</sup> Ins., *ibid.*

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

## (Chapter IV.—Shares.)

**16.** The Bank shall keep in one or more books a register of its shareholders (in this Act referred to as the principal register), and shall enter therein the following particulars so far as they may be available:—

- (i) the names and addresses and occupations, if any, of the shareholders and a statement of the shares held by each shareholder, distinguishing each share by its number, and of the amount paid on the shares of each shareholder;
- (ii) the date on which each person is so entered as a shareholder; and
- (iii) the date on which any person ceases to be a shareholder.

**17.** (1) The Bank shall cause to be kept at the local head offices of the Bank in Calcutta, Madras and Bombay branch registers which shall be deemed to be part of the principal register, and may do so at any other local head office which may hereafter be established under this Act.

(2) There shall be entered in the branch register to be kept in Calcutta the name of every person who having been registered as a shareholder or stockholder in the Bank of Bengal is entitled under the provisions of section 5 to be registered as a shareholder in the Bank, with the same particulars appended thereto as are required in the case of the principal register, and the same provision shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the branch registers to be kept in Madras and Bombay.

(3) Any shareholder may apply to the Bank to have his name transferred from one branch register to another in respect of either the whole or any part of the shares standing in his name, and the Bank shall, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, cause the registers to be amended accordingly.

(4) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (3) no transaction with respect to any share registered in one branch register shall be registered in any other branch register.

**18.** No notice of any trust, express, implied or constructive, shall be entered on the principal or any branch register or be receivable by the Bank.

**19.** The Bank may close the principal register or any branch register for any time or times, not exceeding in the whole thirty days in each year.

**20.** (1) The principal register of shareholders shall be kept at such places as the Bank, by notification in the <sup>1</sup>[Official Gazette], may appoint and, except when closed under the provisions of this Act, that register or any branch register shall during business hours (subject to such reasonable restrictions as the Bank may impose, so that not less than two hours in each day be allowed for inspection) be open to the inspection of any shareholder gratis.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

Principal register of shareholders.

Branch registers.

to be entered on the register.

Power to close register.

(Chapter IV.—Shares. Contracts. Regulations of Bank.  
Chapter V.—Management.)

(2) Any shareholder may require a copy of any such register, or of any part thereof, on prepayment therefor at the rate of six annas for every hundred words or fractional part thereof required to be copied.

<sup>1</sup>[<sup>2</sup>(3) A copy of the principal register of shareholders shall be compiled within 30 days after the date of the first ordinary general meeting in each year and shall be filed forthwith with the officer performing the duty of registration of companies under the Indian Companies Act, 1913.]

#### *Contracts.*

Form of contracts.

21. (1) Contracts on behalf of the Bank may be made as follows:—

(i) any contract which, if made between private persons, would be by law required to be in writing, signed by the parties to be charged therewith, may be made on behalf of the Bank in writing signed by any person acting under its authority, express or implied, and may in the same manner be varied or discharged;

(ii) any contract which, if made between private persons, would by law be valid although made by parol only and not reduced to writing, may be made by parol on behalf of the Bank by any person acting under its authority, express or implied, and may in the same manner be varied or discharged.

(2) All contracts made according to the provisions of this section shall be effectual in law, and shall bind the Bank and all other parties thereto and their legal representatives.

#### *Regulations of Bank.*

Regulations of the Bank.

22. The provisions contained in Schedule II shall be the regulations of the Bank in regard to the matters to which they relate.

## CHAPTER V.

#### *Management.*

Offices of the Bank.

23. The Bank shall have local head offices in Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, and at such other places in British India <sup>2</sup>[or British Burma] as the Bank <sup>3</sup>\* \* \* may determine. <sup>4</sup>\* \* \*

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 8.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> The words "with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C.", rep. by Act 3 of 1934, s. 9.

<sup>4</sup> The words "The Bank may also, subject to the provisions of this Act as to the business to be transacted there, establish an office in London." rep., *ibid.*

## (Chapter V.—Management.)

**24.** The general superintendence of the affairs and business of the Central Bank shall be entrusted to a Central Board of <sup>1</sup>[Directors] (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Central Board”), who may exercise all powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Bank and are not by this Act expressly directed or required to be done by the Bank in general meeting.

**25.** Local Boards shall be established at Calcutta, Madras and Local Bombay, and may be established at such other places in British India <sup>Boards.</sup> <sup>2</sup>[or British Burma] as the Central Board <sup>3 \* \* \*</sup> may determine.

**26.** Without prejudice to the powers conferred by section 24, the Powers of Local Boards, established at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay shall have Local Boards power generally to transact all the usual business of the Bank, and shall have power as regards entries in the branch registers, respectively kept at those places, to examine and pass or refuse to pass transfers and transmissions and to approve or refuse to approve transferees of shares and to give certificates of shares.

*Local Boards at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay.*

**27.** The several persons who were, immediately before the appointed day, respectively the directors of the Presidency Banks shall constitute the first Local Boards of the Bank at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, respectively, and the persons who were then president, vice-president and secretary, respectively, of the said Banks shall fill the same offices in the respective Local Boards until they vacate office in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

*Central Board.*

**28.** (I) The Central Board shall consist of the following Directors, Constitution of Central Board. namely:—

- (i) the presidents and vice-presidents of the Local Boards established by this Act;
- (ii) one person to be elected from amongst themselves by the members of each Local Board established by this Act;
- (iii) a Managing Director who shall be appointed by the Central Board for a period not exceeding five years on such terms as the Central Board may direct, and may be continued in his appointment by the Central Board for such further periods not exceeding five years in each case as the Central Board thinks fit;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 10, for “Governors”.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> The words “with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C.” rep. by Act 3 of 1934, s. 11.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for the original section.

(Chapter V.—Management. Chapter VI.—Miscellaneous.)

- (iv) such number of persons not exceeding two and not being <sup>1</sup>[officers of the Crown] as may be nominated by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government]. Such persons shall hold office for one year but may be re-nominated;
- (v) a Deputy Managing Director who shall be appointed by the Central Board;
- (vi) the secretaries of the Local Boards established by this Act; and
- (vii) if any Local Board is hereafter established under this Act, such number of persons to represent it as the Central Board may prescribe.

(2) The Directors specified in clauses (v) and (vi) of sub-section (1) shall be at liberty to attend all meetings of the Central Board and to take part in its deliberations, but shall not be entitled to vote on any question arising at any meeting:

Provided that the Deputy Managing Director shall be entitled to vote in the absence of the Managing Director.

(3) The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] shall nominate an <sup>3</sup>[officer of the Crown] to attend the meetings of the Central Board, and such officer shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Central Board and to take part in its deliberations but shall not be entitled to vote on any question arising at any meeting.]

Constitution  
of other  
Local  
Boards.

**29.** (1) Where the Central Board establishes any additional local head office of the Bank in British India <sup>4</sup>[or British Burma], a Local Board shall be constituted to manage the local business of the Bank.

(2) The number of the members of any such Local Board shall be such number, not less than three, as may be prescribed and shall be appointed in such manner as may be prescribed.

**30.** [Power to remove difficulties.] Rep. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (III of 1934), s. 13.

## CHAPTER VI.

### Miscellaneous.

Power of  
Central  
Board to  
make bye-  
laws.

**31.** (1) The Central Board shall, with the previous approval of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government], make bye-laws consistent with this Act regulating the following matters, namely:—

- (a) the maximum amounts which may be advanced or lent to, or for which bills may be discounted for, any individual

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "officers of the Govt."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "officer of Govt."

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

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or partnership, without the security mentioned in sub-clauses (i) to (iv) of clause (a) of Part I of Schedule I, the conditions under which advances may be made on the said security and the extent of the sums to which accounts may be overdrawn without security;

- (b) the conditions subject to which alone advances may be made to <sup>1</sup>[Directors], members of Local Boards, or officers of the Bank, or the relatives of such <sup>1</sup>[Directors], members or officers, or to companies, firms or individuals with which or with whom such <sup>1</sup>[Directors], members, officers or relatives are connected as partners, directors, managers, servants, shareholders or otherwise:

Provided that the bye-laws shall provide that no advance without security shall be made to any officer of the Bank without the specific sanction of the Local Board under which he is serving;

- (c) the particulars to be contained in <sup>2</sup>[the annual and half-yearly balance-sheets]; and

- (d) any matter which by this Act is directed to be prescribed.

(2) The Central Board may, with the previous approval of the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government], make bye-laws consistent with this Act regulating the following matters or any of them, namely:—

- (a) the keeping of the register and branch registers of shareholders;
- (b) the distribution of business amongst the <sup>1</sup>[Directors] and their remuneration, if any;
- (c) the distribution of business amongst the members of a Local Board and their remuneration, if any;
- (d) the delegation of any powers of the Central Board or of a Local Board to committees consisting of <sup>1</sup>[Directors] or members, as the case may be;
- (e) the procedure to be followed at the meetings of the Central or Local Boards or of any committees thereof;
- (f) the first appointment and the appointment of members of a Local Board established under this Act;
- (g) the powers of Local Boards established by or under this Act;
- (h) the localities in and with respect to which such Local Boards shall exercise their powers;
- (i) the books and accounts to be kept at the local head offices of the Bank;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 14, for “Governors”.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 14, *ibid.*, for “the half-yearly balance-sheet”.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

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- (j) the renewal of certificates of shares which have been worn out or lost;
- (k) the conduct and defence of legal proceedings and the manner of signing pleadings;
- (l) the constitution and management of pension and provident funds for the officers and servants of the Bank;
- (m) all matters which are by this Act permitted to be prescribed; and
- (n) generally, the conduct of the business of the Bank.

References  
to Presi-  
dency  
Banks.

**32.** (1) The references in sections <sup>1</sup>188, 189 and 289 of the Indian Companies Act, 1913, and references in any other enactment to the VII of 1913. Presidency Banks or any of them shall be deemed to be references to the Bank.

(2) Where by any instrument power is given to invest in, to hold or to exercise any rights in regard to shares or stock in a Presidency Bank, then that power may be exercised as if the same power were given by such instrument in regard to shares in the Bank.

(3) A power of attorney in favour of a Presidency Bank or in favour of a Presidency Bank and its officers shall be deemed, as the case may be, to be a power of attorney in favour of the Bank or of the Bank and its officers.

**33.** [*Amendment of s. 11 (3) of Act VII of 1913.] Rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1937 (XX of 1937), s. 3 and Sch. II.*

**34.** [*Repeals.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927).*

## SCHEDULE I.

(See section 8.)

### PART I.

*Business which the Bank is authorised to carry on and transact.*

The Bank is authorised to carry on and transact the several kinds of business hereinafter specified, namely:—

- (a) the advancing and lending money, and opening cash-credits upon the security of—
  - (i) stocks, funds and securities (other than immoveable property) in which a trustee is authorised to invest trust money by any Act of Parliament or by any <sup>2</sup>[Indian or

<sup>1</sup> Ss. 188 and 189 of the Indian Companies Act, 1913 (7 of 1913), have since been amended by the Indian Companies (Amendment) Act, 1936 (22 of 1936), ss. 101 and 102, and do not now contain any reference to the Presidency Banks.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Act of the G. G. in C."

(Schedule I.—Part I.—Business which the Bank is authorised to carry on and transact.)

Burman law,] <sup>1\*</sup> \* any securities of <sup>2</sup>[a Provincial Government, the Government of Burma] or the Government of Ceylon <sup>3</sup>[and shares of the Reserve Bank of India];

(ii) such securities issued by State-aided railways as have been notified by the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] under section 36 of the Presidency Banks Act, 1876, or may be notified by <sup>5</sup>[it] under this Act in that behalf;

(iii) debentures or other securities for money issued under the authority of any Act of a legislature established in British India <sup>6</sup>[or British Burma] by, or on behalf of, a district board <sup>3</sup>[or a municipal board or committee or, with the sanction of the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government], debentures or other securities for money issued under the authority of a Prince or Chief of any State in India];

<sup>3</sup>[(iii)a] subject to such directions as may be issued by the Central Board, debentures of companies with limited liability whether registered in India or elsewhere;]

(iv) goods which, or the documents of title to which, are deposited with, or assigned to, the Bank as security for such advances, loans or credits;

<sup>5</sup>[(iva)] goods which are hypothecated to the Bank as security for such advances, loans or credits, if so authorised by special directions of the Central Board;]

(v) accepted bills of exchange and promissory notes endorsed by the payees and joint and several promissory notes of two or more persons or firms unconnected with each other in general partnership; and

(vi) fully paid shares <sup>7\*</sup> \* of companies with limited liability or immoveable property or documents of title relating thereto as collateral security only where the original security is one of those specified in sub-clauses (i) to (iv), and <sup>8</sup>[subject to such directions as may be issued by the Central Board], where the original security is of the kind specified in sub-clause (v):

<sup>1</sup> The word "and" rep. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 15.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "a L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by Act 3 of 1934, s. 15.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in.C."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "him".

<sup>6</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>7</sup> The words "and debentures" rep. by s. 15 of Act 3 of 1934.

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by s. 15, *ibid.*, for "if so authorised by any general or special directions of the Central Board".

(Schedule I.—Part I.—Business which the Bank is authorised to carry on and transact.)

<sup>1</sup>[Provided that any advances or loans which, under the law for the time being in force, any of the following Governments or authorities, that is to say, the Secretary of State, any Government in British India, the Federal Railway Authority, the Government of Burma or the Burma Railway Board, may lawfully accept from the Bank may, if the Central Board think fit, be made without any specific security ;]

- (b) the selling and realisation of the proceeds of sale of any such promissory notes, debentures, stock-receipts, bonds, annuities, stock, shares, securities or goods which, or the documents of title to which, have been deposited with, or <sup>2</sup>[pledged, hypothecated, assigned or transferred to], the Bank as security for such advances, loans or credits, or which are held by the Bank or over which the Bank is entitled to any lien or charge in respect of any such loan or advance or credit or any debt or claim of the Bank, and which have not been redeemed in due time in accordance with the terms and conditions (if any) of such deposit, <sup>3</sup>[pledge, hypothecation, assignment or transfer];
- (c) the advancing and lending money to Courts of Wards upon the security of estates in their charge or under their superintendence and the realisation of such advances or loans and any interest due thereon, provided that no such advance or loan shall be made without the previous sanction of the <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government] concerned, and that the period for which any such advance or loan is made shall not exceed <sup>5</sup>[nine months in the case of advances or loans relating to the financing of seasonal agricultural operations or six months in other cases];
- (d) the drawing, accepting, discounting, buying and selling of bills of exchange and other negotiable securities <sup>6\*</sup> \* \* \*;
- (e) the investing of the funds of the Bank upon any of the securities specified in sub-clauses (i) to (iii) of clause (a) and converting the same into money when required, and altering, converting and transposing such investments for or into others of the investments above specified;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original proviso.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 15, for "assigned to":

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 15, *ibid.*, for "or assignment".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by Act 3 of 1934, s. 15, for "six months".

<sup>6</sup> Certain words were rep. by s. 15, *ibid.*

(Schedule I.—Part I.—Business which the Bank is authorised to carry on and transact.)

- (f) the making, issuing and circulating of bank-post-bills and letters of credit <sup>1\*</sup> \* \* to order or otherwise than to the bearer on demand;
- (g) the buying and selling of gold and silver whether coined or uncoined;
- (h) the receiving of deposits and keeping cash accounts on such terms as may be agreed on;
- (i) the acceptance of the charge of plate, jewels, title-deeds or other valuable goods on such terms as may be agreed on;
- (j) the selling and realising of all property, whether moveable or immoveable, which may in any way come into the possession of the Bank in satisfaction or part satisfaction of any of its claims, <sup>2</sup>[and the acquisition and holding of, and generally the dealing with, any right, title or interest in any property, moveable or immoveable, which may be the Bank's security for any loan or advance or may be connected with any such security];
- (k) the transacting of pecuniary agency business on commission <sup>2</sup>[and the entering into of contracts of indemnity, suretyship or guarantee with specific security or otherwise];
- (l) <sup>3</sup>[the administration of estates for any purpose whether as an executor, trustee or otherwise] and the acting as agent on commission in the transaction of the following kinds of business, namely:—
  - (i) the buying, selling, transferring and taking charge of any securities or any shares in any public Company;
  - (ii) the receiving of the proceeds whether principal, interest or dividends, of any securities or shares;
  - (iii) the remittance of such proceeds <sup>4\*</sup> \* \* by public or private bills of exchange, payable either in India or elsewhere;
- (m) the drawing of bills of exchange and the granting of letters of credit payable out of India <sup>5\*</sup> \* \*;

<sup>1</sup> The words "made payable in India, or in Ceylon," rep. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 15.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by s. 15, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 15, *ibid.*, for "the acting as administrator, executor or trustee for the purpose of winding up estates".

<sup>4</sup> The words "at the risk of the principal" rep. by s. 15, *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> The words "for the use of principals for the purpose of the remittances mentioned in clause (l) and also for private constituents for bona fide personal needs" rep. by s. 15, *ibid.*

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- (n) the buying <sup>1\*</sup> \* \* of bills of exchange payable out of India, at any usance not exceeding <sup>2</sup>[nine months in the case of bills relating to the financing of seasonal agricultural operations or six months in other cases];
- (o) the borrowing of money <sup>3\*</sup> \* for the purposes of the Bank's business, and the giving of security for money so borrowed by pledging assets or otherwise;
- <sup>4</sup>[(p) the subsidizing from time to time of the pension funds of the Presidency Banks; and]
- (q) generally, the doing of all such matters and things as may be incidental or subsidiary to the transacting of the various kinds of business <sup>5</sup>[including foreign exchange business,] hereinbefore specified.

## PART II.

### *Business which the Bank is not authorised to carry out or transact.*

The Bank shall not transact any kind of banking business other than those specified in Part I and in particular—

(1) It shall not make any loan or advance—

- (a) for a longer period than six months <sup>5</sup>[except as provided in clause (c) and clause (n) of Part I], or
- (b) upon the security of stock or shares of the Bank, or
- (c) save in the case of the estates specified in clause (c) of Part I, upon mortgage or in any other manner upon the security of any immoveable property, or the documents of title relating thereto.

(2) The Bank shall not (except upon a security of the kind specified in sub-clauses (i) to (iv) of clause (a) of Part I) discount bills for any individual or partnership-firm for an amount exceeding in the whole at any one time such sum as may be prescribed, or lend or advance in any way to any individual or partnership-firm an amount exceeding in the whole at any one time such sum as may be so prescribed.

(3) The Bank shall not discount or buy, or advance and lend, or open cash-credits on the security of any negotiable instrument of any individual or partnership-firm, payable in the town or at the place where

<sup>1</sup> The words "for the purpose of meeting such bills or letters of credit," rep. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 15.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 15, *ibid.*, for "six months".

<sup>3</sup> The words "in India," rep. by s. 15, *ibid.*.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 15, *ibid.*, for the original clause.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by s. 15, *ibid.*

(Schedule I.—Part II.—Business which the Bank is not authorised to carry out or transact. Schedule II.—Regulations of the Bank.)

it is presented for discount, which does not carry on it the several responsibilities of at least two persons or firms unconnected with each other in general partnership.

(4) The Bank shall not discount or buy, or advance and lend or open cash-credits on the security of any negotiable security <sup>1</sup>[not being a security in which a trustee may invest trust money under section 20 of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882,] <sup>2</sup>[or the corresponding provisions for the time being in force in Burma] having at the date of the proposed transaction a longer period to run than <sup>3</sup>[nine months if a bill drawn for the purpose of financing seasonal agricultural operations and six months in other cases] or, if drawn after sight, drawn for a longer period than <sup>3</sup>[nine months if a bill drawn for the purpose of financing seasonal agricultural operations and six months in other cases]:

Provided that nothing in this Part shall be deemed to prevent the Bank from allowing any person who keeps an account with the Bank to overdraw such account, without security, to such extent as may be prescribed.

## SCHEDULE II.

### REGULATIONS OF THE BANK.

(See section 22.)

1. Every person whose name is entered as a shareholder in the register of shareholders shall, without payment, be entitled to a certificate under the common seal of the Bank or if the certificate relates to shares registered in a branch register under the official seal of the Bank specifying the share or shares held by him and the amount paid up thereon: Provided, that, in respect of a share or shares held jointly by several persons, the Bank shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate, and delivery of a certificate for a share to one of several joint-holders shall be sufficient delivery to all.

### Lien.

2. The Bank shall have a lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) called or payable at a fixed time in respect of that share, and the Bank shall also have a lien on all shares standing registered in the name of a single person for all moneys presently payable by him or his estate to the

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 15.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by Act 3 of 1934, s. 15, for "six months".

Bank. The Bank's lien, if any, on a share shall also extend to all dividends payable thereon.

**Power to sell  
for default.**

3. The Bank may sell, in such manner as it thinks fit, any shares on which it has a lien, but no sale shall be made unless some sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable, nor until the expiration of fourteen days after a notice in writing, stating and demanding payment of such part of the amount in respect of which the lien exists as is presently payable, has been given to the registered holder for the time being of the share, or to the person entitled by reason of his death or insolvency to the share.

**Disposal of  
proceeds of  
sales.**

4. The proceeds of the sale shall be applied in payment of such part of the amount in respect of which the lien exists as is presently payable, and the residue shall (subject to a like lien for sums not presently payable, as existed upon the shares prior to the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the shares at the date of the sale. The purchaser shall be registered as the holder of the shares, and he shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase-money, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the sale.

*Calls on Shares.*

**Calls.**

5. The Bank may, from time to time, make calls upon the shareholders in respect of any moneys unpaid on their shares, provided that no call shall exceed one-fourth of the nominal amount of the share, or be payable at less than two months from the last call; and each shareholder shall (subject to receiving at least two months' notice specifying the time or times of payments) pay to the Bank at the time or times so specified the amount called on his shares.

**Liability of  
joint-  
holders.**

6. The joint-holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect thereof.

**Liability to  
pay interest  
on unpaid  
calls.**

7. If a sum called in respect of a share is not paid before or on the day appointed for payment thereof, the person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest upon the sum at the rate of ten per cent. per annum from the day appointed for the payment thereof to the time of the actual payment, but the Central Board shall be at liberty to waive payment of that interest wholly or in part.

*Transfer and transmission of Shares.*

**Execution of  
transfers.**

8. The instrument of transfer of any share in the Bank shall be executed both by the transferor and transferee, and the transferor shall be deemed to remain holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the register of shareholders in respect thereof.

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9. Shares in the Bank shall be transferred in the following Form, or Form of transfers.  
in any usual or common Form which the <sup>1</sup>[Bank] shall approve:—

I, A B of , in consideration of the sum of rupees paid to me by C D of (hereinafter called "the said transferee") do hereby transfer to the said transferee the share [or shares] numbered in the Imperial Bank of India to hold unto the said transferee, his executors, administrators and assigns, subject to the several conditions on which I held the same at the time of the execution thereof, and I, the said transferee, do hereby agree to take the said share [or shares] subject to the conditions aforesaid.

As witness our hands the day of

*Witness to the signature of, etc.*

10. The Bank may decline to register any transfer of shares, not being fully paid shares, to a person of whom it does not approve, and may also decline to register any transfer of shares on which the Bank has a lien <sup>2</sup>[or any transfer of shares to any person who is a minor or has been found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be of unsound mind or to or in the name of any firm]. The Bank may also suspend the registration of transfers for any period during which it has under the provisions of this Act directed that the registers shall be closed.

The Bank may decline to recognise any instrument of transfer unless—

(a) a fee not exceeding two rupees is paid to the Bank in respect thereof; and

(b) the instrument of transfer is accompanied by the certificate of the shares to which it relates, and such other evidence as the Bank may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer.

<sup>3</sup>[11. The executors or administrators of a deceased sole holder of a share, the holder of a succession certificate issued under Part X of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, in respect of the share, and a person in whose favour a valid instrument of transfer of the share was executed by the deceased holder during his lifetime, shall be the only persons who may be recognised by the Bank as having any title to the share. In the case of a share registered in the names of two or more holders, the survivors or survivor and, on the death of the last survivor, his

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 16, for "Central Board".

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by s. 17, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 18, *ibid.*, for the original regulation.

executors or administrators or any person who is the holder of a succession certificate in respect of such survivor's interests in the share, and a person in whose favour a valid instrument of transfer of the share was executed by such survivor during his lifetime, shall be the only persons who may be recognised by the Bank as having any title to the share.]

**Death or insolvency of shareholders.**

**12.** Any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or insolvency of a shareholder <sup>1</sup>[or in consequence of a transfer by a deceased shareholder during his lifetime] shall, upon such evidence being produced as may be required by the Bank, have the right <sup>1</sup>[, subject to the provisions of regulation 10,] either to be registered as a shareholder in respect of the share or, instead of being registered himself, to make such transfer of the share as the deceased or insolvent person could have made; <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* .

**Rights of persons acquiring shares on death or insolvency of shareholder.**

**13.** Any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or insolvency of the holder shall be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages to which he would be entitled if he were the registered holder of the share, except that he shall not, before being registered as a shareholder in respect of the share, be entitled in respect of it to exercise any right conferred on a shareholder in relation to meetings of the Bank.

#### *Forfeiture of Shares.*

**Failure to pay call.**

**14.** If a shareholder fails to pay any call or instalment of a call on the day appointed for payment thereof, the Central Board may, at any time thereafter during such time as any part of such call or instalment remains unpaid, serve a notice on him requiring payment of so much of the call or instalment as is unpaid, together with any interest which may have accrued.

**Form of notice.**

**15.** The notice shall name a further day (not earlier than the expiration of fourteen days from the date of the notice) on or before which the payment required by the notice is to be made, and shall state that, in the event of non-payment at or before the time appointed, the shares in respect of which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.

**Forfeiture of shares.**

**16.** If the requirements of any such notice as aforesaid are not complied with, any share in respect of which the notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Central Board to that effect.

**Disposal of forfeited shares.**

**17.** A forfeited share may be sold or otherwise disposed of on such terms and in such manner as the Central Board thinks fit, and at any

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<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 19.

<sup>2</sup> Certain words rep. by s. 19, *ibid.*

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time before a sale or disposition the forfeiture may be cancelled on such terms as the Central Board thinks fit.

**18.** A person whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a shareholder in respect of the forfeited shares, but shall, notwithstanding, remain liable to pay to the Bank all moneys which, at the date of forfeiture, were presently payable by him to the Bank in respect of the shares, but his liability shall cease if and when the Bank receives payment in full of the nominal amount of the shares.

### *Alteration of Capital.*

**19.** The shareholders of the Bank may, by special resolution <sup>1\*</sup> \* \* \*, Power to increase or increase or <sup>2</sup>[, with the previous sanction of the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government],] reduce capital. reduce the capital of the Bank:

Provided that no such special resolution shall be deemed to have been passed, unless at least one-third in number of the shareholders, holding at least one-half of the paid-up capital of the Bank for the time being, be present in person or by proxy, and the majority of such shareholders have voted either by show of hands or by poll, as the case may be, in favour of the said resolution.

**20.** When any such special resolution to increase the capital has been passed, the Central Board may, subject to the provisions of this Act and to the special directions (if any) given in reference thereto by the meeting at which such resolution has been passed—

- (a) make such orders as it thinks fit for the opening of subscriptions by the shareholders towards such increase of capital;
  - (b) allow to the shareholders such period to fill up the subscription as it thinks fit;
  - (c) direct the manner in which the shareholders shall subscribe and pay into the Bank the proportions of new capital which they may respectively desire to subscribe; and
  - (d) make such orders as it thinks fit for the disposal and allotment of the amount of new capital that may not be subscribed for and paid up in the manner aforesaid.

**21.** Any new shares shall be subject to the same provision with New shares reference to the payment of calls, lien, transfer, transmission, forfeiture and otherwise as the shares in the original capital.

**22.** When any such special resolution to reduce the capital has been passed, the Central Board may (subject as aforesaid) determine the manner in which the reduction shall be carried into effect. Procedure on resolution to reduce

<sup>1</sup> The words “and with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C.” rep. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 20.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by s. 20, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

*Meetings of Shareholders.*

*Annual general meeting.*

**23.** (1) On the first Monday of the month of August in every year, or as soon after such day as is convenient, a general meeting shall be held at such time and at such town where there is a local head office of the Bank as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Central Board, at which meeting the Central Board shall submit to the shareholders a<sup>1</sup> [balance-sheet] of the Bank made up to the preceding thirtieth day of June:

Provided that such general meeting shall not be held on two consecutive occasions at any one town in which there is a local head office of the Bank.

(2) A notice convening such meeting, signed by<sup>2</sup> [the Managing Director or Deputy Managing Director], shall be published in the<sup>3</sup> [Official Gazette] and in such other manner as the Central Board may direct at least fifteen days before the meeting is held.

*Special meeting.*

**24.** (1) The Central Board shall convene a special meeting on the requisition of any three Directors or of not less than one hundred shareholders holding shares whether fully paid up or otherwise of the aggregate amount of not less than five hundred thousand rupees, upon which all calls or other sums due have been paid, if such requisition is signed by the requisitionists and addressed to the Managing Director or Deputy Managing Director and contains a statement of the object of the proposed meeting.

(2) The requisition may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more of the requisitionists.

(3) Sixty days' previous notice of any such meeting shall be given by the Central Board under the hand of not less than three Directors, and such notice shall state the purpose for which the meeting is convened and the time and place of such meeting, and shall be advertised in the<sup>3</sup> [Official Gazette] and in not less than three daily newspapers, of which one shall be a newspaper published in the vernacular:

Provided that not less than three months' previous notice shall be thus given of any special meeting held for the purpose of increasing or reducing the capital of the Bank.

(4) The place of such meeting shall be the place where the head office of the Bank is situated at the time of the meeting.

(5) If the Central Board does not proceed within 21 days from the date of deposit of the requisition referred to in sub-sections (1) and (2) to cause a meeting to be called, the requisitionists, or a majority of them

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 21, for "statement of the affairs".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 21, *ibid.*, for "a Managing Governor".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by Act 3 of 1934, s. 22, for the original regulation.

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in value, may themselves call the meeting, but in either case any meeting so called shall be held within three months from the date of deposit of the requisition.]

**25.** (1) No business shall be transacted at any meeting, whether Quorum general or special, unless a quorum of two hundred shareholders, in person or by proxy, is present at the commencement of such business.

(2) If within one hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened by shareholders not being <sup>1</sup>[Directors], shall be dissolved; in any other case, it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and place, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present, those shareholders who are present shall be a quorum.

**26.** (1) Save as is otherwise provided in this Act in regard to resolutions for the increase or reduction of capital or for the removal of a <sup>Decision by majority of votes.</sup> <sup>2</sup>[Director], every election and every matter submitted to a meeting, whether general or special, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

(2) No shareholders shall be allowed to vote at any such meeting in respect of any share acquired by transfer, unless such transfer shall have been completed and registered at least three months before the time of such meeting.

(3) No shareholder shall be entitled to vote at any meeting in respect of any shares held by him alone or jointly, whilst any call due from him alone or jointly remains unpaid.

**27.** Save as otherwise provided in this Schedule a declaration by the chairman of any meeting, that a resolution has been carried or rejected thereat upon a show of hands, shall be conclusive, and an entry to that effect in the book of proceedings of the Bank shall be sufficient evidence of that fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, such resolution, unless, immediately on such declaration, a poll be demanded in writing by ten shareholders present and entitled to vote at such meeting.

**28.** If a poll be duly demanded, it shall be taken either at once or at such time and place and, save as otherwise provided in this Act, either by open voting or by ballot, as the chairman directs, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

**29.** The proceedings at any meeting and all resolutions and decisions of such meeting shall be valid and binding on the Bank so far as such proceedings, resolutions and decisions are consistent with the provisions of this Act.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 23, for "Governors".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 24, *ibid.*, for "Governor".

*Votes of Members.*

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| Votes.                                  | 30. On a show of hands every shareholder present in person shall have one vote. On a poll every shareholder shall have one vote for every four shares of which he is the holder.   |
| Votes of joint-holders.                 | 31. In the case of joint-holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint-holders; and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of shareholders.  |
| Votes on behalf of lunatics and minors. | 32. A shareholder of unsound mind, or in respect of whom an order has been made by any Court having jurisdiction in lunacy, may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his committee or other legal guardian, and a shareholder who is a minor may similarly vote by his guardian and any such committee or guardian may, on a poll, vote by proxy.   |
| Shareholders in default.                | 33. No shareholder shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all calls or other sums presently payable by him in respect of shares in the Bank have been paid.   |
| Poll.                                   | 34. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy.  |
| Form of proxies.                        | 35. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing. No person shall act as a proxy unless either he is entitled on his own behalf to be present and vote at the meeting at which he acts as proxy, or he has been appointed to act at that meeting as proxy for a corporation.  |
| Deposit of proxies.                     | 36. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power-of-attorney or other authority (if any), under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, [or, in the case of a power-of-attorney previously deposited and registered with any local head office, a certificate of the secretary of such local head office as to such deposit and registration], shall be deposited at the head office of the bank in the place where the meeting is to be held not less than ninety-six hours before the time for holding the meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid. |

*Local Meetings.*

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| Annual local meeting.       | 37. A general meeting of the shareholders on a branch register shall be held once in every year at the local head office of the Bank at which the branch register is kept. It shall be held on such date as the Central Board may direct. |
| Procedure at local meeting. | 38. The foregoing provisions of this Schedule as to the convening of general and special meetings and procedure at meetings shall, so far as  |

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<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 25.

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may be, apply to local and special local meetings of the shareholders on a branch register:

Provided that references in the said provisions to shareholders shall be deemed to be references to shareholders on the branch register, and references to <sup>1</sup>[Directors, the Managing Director or Deputy Managing Director] and the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette] shall be deemed to be references, respectively, to the members of the Local Board, Secretaries and to the local official Gazette:

Provided, further, that ten or more shareholders holding shares to the aggregate amount of fifty thousand rupees may convene a special local meeting and that the number of shareholders to constitute a quorum and to demand a poll in the case of a local meeting shall be, respectively, twenty and five.

*Qualifications and disqualifications of <sup>3</sup>[Directors] and others.*

**39.** (1) No person shall be qualified to serve as a <sup>4</sup>[Director] or as a member of a Local Board who is not a holder in his own right of un-  
encumbered shares of the Bank, to the nominal amount of ten thousand rupees at the least:

Provided that this provision shall not apply in the case of a person who is an officer of the Bank or is nominated <sup>5\*</sup> \* by the <sup>6</sup>[Central Government].

(2) No person shall be qualified to serve as a <sup>4</sup>[Director] or as a member of a Local Board—

if he holds the office of director, provisional director, promoter, agent or manager of any joint-stock bank established or having a branch or agency in British India <sup>7</sup>[or British Burma], or advertised as about to be established or to have a branch or agency in British India <sup>7</sup>[or British Burma]:

Provided that this disqualification shall not apply to any person, being a director of a joint-stock bank, who may be nominated as a <sup>8</sup>[Director under the provision of clause (iv)] of sub-section (1) of section 28; or

if he is a salaried <sup>9</sup>[officer of the Crown] not specially authorised by this Act or by the <sup>6</sup>[Central Government] to serve as a member;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 26, for "Governors, Managing Governors".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by Act 3 of 1934, s. 27, for "Governors".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 27, *ibid.*, for "Governor".

<sup>5</sup> The words "or appointed" rep. by s. 27, *ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by Act 3 of 1934, s. 27, for "Governor under the provision of clause (iii)".

<sup>9</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "officer of Govt."

<sup>1</sup>[and the office of a Director] or a member of the Local Board shall be vacated—

- if the person holding it resigns his office or dies;
- if he accepts or holds any other office of profit under the Bank;
- if he becomes insolvent or bankrupt, or compounds with his creditors;
- if he is declared lunatic, or becomes of unsound mind;
- if he is absent from the Central Board or the Local Board, as the case may be, for more than six consecutive months; or
- if he ceases to hold in his own right the amount of shares required to qualify him for the office.

(3) No two persons who are partners of the same mercantile firm, or are directors of the same private company, or one of whom is the general agent of, or holds a power of procuration from the other, or from a mercantile firm of which the other is a partner, shall be eligible or qualified to serve as members of the Central Board or <sup>2</sup>[of the same Local Board], at the same time.

*Removal of <sup>3</sup>[Directors] and members of Local Boards.*

*Removal of Directors.*

40. The shareholders may, by a special resolution passed by a majority of the votes of shareholders holding in the aggregate not less than one-half of the capital, remove any <sup>4</sup>[Director] <sup>5</sup>[(other than a Director nominated by the <sup>6</sup>[Central Government])] before the expiration of his period of office, and appoint, in his stead, a qualified person, who shall in all respects stand in his place.

*Removal of member of Local Board.*

41. The shareholders on a branch register may, by a special local resolution passed by the votes of shareholders holding in the aggregate not less than one-half of the capital on the branch register, remove any member of the Local Board before the expiration of his period of office, and appoint, in his stead, a qualified person who shall in all respects stand in his place.

*Meetings of Central Board.*

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42. (1) Meetings of the Central Board shall be convened not less than once in every <sup>7</sup>[four] months by <sup>8</sup>[the Managing Director or

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 27, for “and the office of a Governor”.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 27, *ibid.*, for “a Local Board or of the Central Board and a Local Board”.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 28, *ibid.*, for “Governors”.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 28, *ibid.*, for “Governor”.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 28, *ibid.*, for “(other than a Governor nominated or appointed by the G. G. in C.)”.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by Act 3 of 1934, s. 29, for “three”.

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by s. 29, *ibid.*, for “a Managing Governor”.

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Deputy Managing Director] and a meeting of the Central Board shall be held once at least in every year <sup>1</sup>[at each of the local head offices established at Calcutta, Bombay and Madras:

Provided that not less than four meetings shall be convened by the Managing Director or Deputy Managing Director in every year.]

(2) Any Local Board may require <sup>2</sup>[the Managing Director or Deputy Managing Director] to convene a meeting of the Central Board at any time and <sup>2</sup>[the Managing Director or Deputy Managing Director] shall forthwith convene a meeting accordingly.

(3) Four <sup>3</sup>[Directors] entitled to vote shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

(4) At each meeting of the Central Board the <sup>3</sup>[Directors] present shall elect from among themselves a chairman for such meeting, who, if he is entitled to vote, shall have a second or casting vote in all cases of an equal division of votes.

*Local Boards.*

**43.** (1) At the first general local meeting after the commencement of this Act, and at the annual general local meeting thereafter, the two members of the Local Board who have been longest in office as members thereof shall go out of office. The vacancies shall be filled by election at a general or special local meeting.

(2) Any member so retiring may be re-elected; and if any question arises as to which of the members who have been the same time in office shall retire, the question shall be decided by the Local Board by ballot.

(3) Subject to any bye-laws which may be prescribed, the number of members of any Local Board may be varied by a special local resolution.

(4) Three of the members of a Local Board shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

(5) Meetings of a Local Board shall be convened by the president, vice-president or, in their absence, the senior member of the Board, whenever he thinks fit.

**44.** <sup>4</sup>[(1) At the first meeting of the Local Board which takes place after the first meeting of the Central Board in each year, the Local Board shall elect from among its members a president and a vice-president and the elected Director referred to in clause (ii) of sub-section (1) of section 28. They shall continue in their respective offices until the first meeting of the Local Board after the first meeting of the Central Board in the following year, and, whenever the office of president or vice-president or of such elected Director becomes vacant, the Local

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 29, for “at every local head office established by this Act”.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 29, *ibid.*, for “a Managing Governor”.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 29, *ibid.*, for “Governors”.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 30, *ibid.*, for the original sub-regulation.

Board shall at its next meeting elect a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the period for which his predecessor was appointed.]

(2) The president or, in his absence, the vice-president shall be chairman at all meetings of the Local Board <sup>1</sup>[at all general or special meetings held in the town where the Local Board is established] and at all general or special local meetings:

Provided that, if both the president and vice-president be absent at any meeting, the persons present at such meeting shall elect a chairman from among <sup>2</sup>[the members of the Local Board present].

(3) The chairman shall have a second or casting vote in all cases of an equal division of votes.

**Vacancies.**

45. (1) Any vacancy occurring on a Local Board by the death, resignation or disqualification of any member shall be filled up by the remaining members who shall co-opt a duly qualified person to fill the vacancy.

(2) Any member so appointed shall be considered to have held office from the date on which the member in whose place he is appointed was elected or, when such member was appointed under this clause, from the date on which his mediate or immediate predecessor was elected, as the case may be.

*General provisions as to Central and Local Boards.*

**Proceedings  
of Boards  
not in-  
validated by  
vacancies.**

46. No act or proceeding of the Central Board or of a Local Board shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or vacancies among its <sup>3</sup>[Directors] or members.

**Acts of  
members of  
Boards valid  
notwith-  
standing  
subsequent  
discovery of  
disqualifica-  
tion.**

47. All acts done by any person acting in good faith as a <sup>4</sup>[Director] or as a member of a Local Board shall be as valid as if he was a member of the Central or Local Board, as the case may be, notwithstanding it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in his appointment or qualification.

**Indemnity  
of members  
of Boards.**

48. (1) Every <sup>4</sup>[Director] and every member of a Local Board shall be indemnified by the Bank against all losses and expenses incurred by him in or about the discharge of his duties, except such as happen from his own wilful act or default.

(2) A <sup>4</sup>[Director] shall not nor shall a member of a Local Board be responsible for any other <sup>4</sup>[Director] or member or for any officer or servant of the Bank or for any loss or expense happening to the Bank

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 30.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 30, *ibid.*, for "themselves".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 31, *ibid.*, for "Governors".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 31, *ibid.*, for "Governor".

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by the insufficiency or deficiency of value of, or title to, any property or security acquired or taken on behalf of the Bank, or by the insolvency, bankruptcy or wrongful act of any customer or debtor of the Bank, or by anything done in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto, or otherwise than for his own wilful act or default.

*The Seals.*

**49.** (1) The common seal of the Bank shall not be affixed to any Common instrument except in the presence of at least three <sup>1</sup>[Directors] including <sup>seal.</sup> <sup>2</sup>[the Managing Director or Deputy Managing Director], who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence, and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person who may sign the instrument as a witness. Unless so signed as aforesaid such instrument shall be of no validity.

(2) The Bank shall have for use by the Local Boards at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, and may have for the use of other Local Boards established under this Act, official seals which shall be facsimiles of the common seal of the Bank with the addition of the name of the local head office where it is to be used.

(3) The official seal shall be affixed to the certificates issued in respect of any shares entered in the branch registers kept at those places and may be used for such other purposes as may be prescribed.

(4) An instrument to which an official seal is duly affixed shall bind the Bank as if it had been sealed with the common seal of the Bank.

(5) An official seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except in the presence of at least two members of the Local Board and the secretary <sup>3</sup>[or deputy secretary] who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person who may sign the instrument as a witness. Unless so signed as aforesaid such instrument shall be of no validity.

*Officers of the Bank.*

- 50.** The Central Board and, subject to the provisions of this Act, Appoint-  
the Local Boards shall have power—  
 (a) to appoint such officers and servants as may be necessary to  
conduct the business of the Bank,  
 (b) to grant salaries, pensions and other emoluments to such  
officers and servants <sup>4</sup>[and to grant gratuities or other

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 32, for "Governors".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 32, *ibid.*, for "a Managing Governor".

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by s. 32, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by s. 33, *ibid.*

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financial assistance, either temporary or permanent, to widows, children or other dependants of deceased officers or servants], and

(c) to suspend or remove any officer or servant of the Bank.

Accounts,  
receipts and  
documents  
of Bank by  
whom to be  
signed.

**51.** The Managing <sup>1</sup>[Director and Deputy Managing Director], the secretaries and such other <sup>2</sup>[employees] of the Bank as the Central Board may authorise in this behalf by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette] are hereby severally empowered, for and on behalf of the Bank, to endorse and transfer promissory notes, stock-receipts, stock-debentures, shares, securities and documents of title to goods, standing in the name of or held by the Bank, and to draw, accept and endorse bills of exchange, bank-post-bills, and letters of credit, in the current and authorised business of the Bank, <sup>4\*</sup> \* to sign all other accounts, receipts and documents connected with such business <sup>5</sup>[and to execute proxies to vote at meetings on behalf of shareholders from whom the Bank holds general powers-of-attorney].

Officers  
forbidden  
to engage  
in other  
commercial  
business.

**52.** No Managing <sup>6</sup>[Director], secretary, inspector, manager, or accountant in the service of the Bank, and, without the previous sanction of the Board, no *khazanchi*, cashier or shroff in the service of the Bank and no agent, at any branch or agency of the Bank, shall engage in any other banking or commercial business, either on his own account or as agent for any other person or persons, or shall act as broker or agent for the sale or purchase of Government or other securities.

Security from  
officers.

**53.** Every person appointed to hold or act in any one or more of the said offices, and every other officer from whom the Central Board may think fit to require it shall give security to the Bank for the faithful discharge of his duty to the satisfaction of the Central Board in such amount and in such manner as it thinks proper. The security to be given as aforesaid by the person holding or acting in the office of secretary shall not be in a less amount than fifty thousand rupees.

*Accounts and Dividends.*

Books to be  
balanced  
twice a year.

**54. (1)** The Central Board shall cause the books of the Bank to be balanced on every thirty-first day of December and every thirtieth day of June.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 34, for "Governors".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 34, *ibid.*, for "officers".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> The word "and" rep. by Act 3 of 1934, s. 34.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by s. 34, *ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by s. 35, *ibid.*, for "Governor".

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(2) A statement of the balance at every such period, signed by a majority of the <sup>1</sup>[Directors] shall be forthwith sent to the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government.]

<sup>3</sup>[(3) The statement of the balance shall contain the particulars and shall be in the form required by section 132 of the Indian Companies Act, 1913, and the provisions of that section and of section 136 of the same Act, shall apply to the Bank in like manner as they apply to a banking company.]

55. (1) An account of the profits of the Bank during the previous half-year shall be taken on or immediately after every thirty-first day of December and every thirtieth day of June, and a dividend shall be made as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, and the amount of such dividend shall be determined by the Central Board. Dividends to be determined half-yearly.

(2) No unpaid dividend shall bear interest as against the Bank.

56. The Central Board may, before declaring any dividend, set aside out of the profits of the Bank such sums as it thinks proper as a reserve or reserves which shall, at the discretion of the Central Board, be applicable for meeting contingencies, or for equalising dividends, or for any other purpose to which the profits of the Bank may be properly applied and pending such application may, at the like discretion, either be employed in the business of the Bank or be invested in any of the securities specified in sub-clauses (i) to (iii) of clause (a) of Part I of Schedule I. Transfer to Reserve.

57. If several persons are registered as joint-holders of any share, any one of them may give effectual receipts for any dividend payable on the share. Joint-holders.

*Audit.*

58. (1) Three auditors shall be elected and their remuneration fixed at the annual general meeting. The auditors may be shareholders, but no <sup>4</sup>[Director] or member of a Local Board or other officer of the Bank shall be eligible during his continuance in office. Any auditor shall be eligible on quitting office for re-election. Auditors.

(2) The first auditors of the Bank may be appointed by the Central Board before the annual general meeting and if so appointed shall hold office only until the first annual general meeting. All auditors elected under this clause shall severally be and continue to act as auditors until the first general meeting after their respective elections:

Provided that, if any casual vacancy occurs in the office of any auditor elected under this section, <sup>5</sup>[the vacancy may be filled by the Central Board].

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 36, for "Governors".

<sup>2</sup> Subs by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by Act 3 of 1934, s. 36, for the original sub-regulation.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 37, *ibid.*, for "Governor".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 37, *ibid.*, for "a special meeting shall be called for the purpose of supplying the same".

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**Government auditors.**

**59.** Without prejudice to anything contained in the foregoing provisions, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may appoint such auditors as <sup>2</sup>[it] thinks fit to examine and report upon the accounts of the Bank.

**Rights and duties of auditors.**

**60. (1)** Every auditor shall be supplied with a copy of the half-yearly balance-sheet, and it shall be his duty to examine the same, with the accounts and vouchers relating thereto. Every auditor shall have a list delivered to him of all books kept by the Bank, and shall at all reasonable times have access to the books, accounts and other documents of the Bank, and may, at the expense of the Bank if appointed by it and at the expense of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] if appointed by <sup>3</sup>[it], employ accountants or other persons to assist him in investigating such accounts, and may, in relation to such accounts, examine <sup>4</sup>[any Director] or any member of a Local Board, or any officer of the Bank.

(2) The auditors shall make a report to the shareholders or to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], as the case may be, upon the annual balance-sheet and accounts, and in every such report they shall state whether, in their opinion, the balance-sheet is a full and fair balance-sheet containing the prescribed particulars and properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs, and in case they have called for any explanation or information from the Central Board, whether it has been given and whether it is satisfactory. Any such report made to the shareholders shall be read together with the report of the Central Board at the annual general meeting.

**Liquidation.**

**5[60A.]** Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or in section 271 of the Indian Companies Act, 1913, if the shareholders of the Bank <sup>VII of 1913.</sup> pass a special resolution that the Bank be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Indian Companies Act, 1913, the Bank shall be <sup>VII of 1913.</sup> wound up in accordance with the provisions of that Act with regard to the voluntary winding up of a company :

Provided that, for the purposes of this section, no such special resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless at least one-third of the shareholders holding at least one-half of the paid-up capital of the Bank for the time being be present in person or by proxy and a majority poll by open voting in favour of the said resolution and such resolution is thereafter confirmed by a majority of the shareholders at a subsequent special meeting held at an interval of not less than two months or more than three months from the date of the meeting at which the resolution was first passed.]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "him".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Imperial Bank of India (Amendment) Act, 1934 (3 of 1934), s. 38, for "any Governor".

<sup>5</sup> This regulation was ins. by s. 39, *ibid.*

(Schedule II.—*Regulations of the Bank.*)1920: Act XLVIII.] *Territorial Force.**Notices.*

**61.** (1) A notice may be given by the Bank to any shareholder either Service personally or by sending it by post to him to his registered address or (if he has no registered address in British India <sup>1</sup>[or British Burma]) to the address, if any, within British India <sup>1</sup>[or British Burma] supplied by him to the Bank for the giving of notices to him.

(2) Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the notice and, unless the contrary is proved, to have been effected at the time at which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

<sup>2</sup>[**62.** A shareholder who has no registered address in India <sup>1</sup>[or <sup>Absence of</sup> registered Burma] and has not supplied to the Bank an address for the giving of <sup>address.</sup> notices to him shall not be entitled to any notice, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act.]

**63.** A notice may be given by the Bank to the joint-holders of a share by giving the notice to the joint-holder named first in the register in respect of the share. <sup>Notice on joint-holders.</sup>

**64.** Any notice given in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be deemed to have been duly given notwithstanding that the shareholder be then deceased and whether or not the Bank had notice of his decease, and shall in that event be deemed to be a notice to his legal representative. <sup>Notice to legal representative.</sup>

**65.** A notice may be served on the Bank by leaving it at, or sending it by post to, any local head office of the Bank. <sup>Service of notice on Bank.</sup>

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*SCHEDULE III.—[ENACTMENTS REPEALED.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.*

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**THE INDIAN TERRITORIAL FORCE ACT, 1920.**

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Act No. XLVIII of 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[22nd September, 1920.]

An Act to constitute an Indian Territorial Force <sup>2\*</sup> \*

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the constitution of an Indian Territorial Force <sup>3\*</sup> \* \*; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**1.** (1) This Act may be called the Indian Territorial Force Act, 1920.  
 (2) It extends<sup>4</sup> to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan and the Sonthal Parganas.

(3) It shall come into force on the first day of October, 1920.

**2.** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

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“enrolled” means enrolled or re-enrolled in the Indian Territorial Force under this Act;

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 174; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. V, p. 264; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 1049, 1096 and 1273.

<sup>2</sup> The words “and to provide for the enrolment therein of persons other than European British subjects” were rep. by the Indian Territorial Force (Amendment) Act, 1928 (9 of 1928), s. 2 (1).

<sup>3</sup> The words “and for the enrolment therein of persons other than European British subjects who may offer themselves therefor” were rep. by s. 2 (2), *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> This Act has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.; and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

<sup>5</sup> The definition of “Advisory Committee” was rep. by Act 9 of 1928, s. 3 (a).

V of 1898. "European British subject" means any person who is a European British subject as defined in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, or is a British subject of European descent in the male line;

<sup>1</sup>[“non-commissioned officer” means a person holding non-commissioned rank in the Indian Territorial Force, and includes an acting non-commissioned officer;

“officer” means a senior officer or a junior officer;]

“prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act; and

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<sup>3</sup>[**2A.** For the purposes of this Act, the Provinces of Bombay and Sind, and the Provinces of Bihar and Orissa, shall be deemed to be one Province until in either case the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette otherwise directs.] <sup>Special provisions as to Sind and Orissa.</sup>

**3.** There shall be raised and maintained in the manner hereinafter provided a force to be designated the Indian Territorial Force: <sup>Constitution of Indian Territorial Force.</sup>

Provided that the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] shall establish all or any of the branches of the Force as circumstances may permit from time to time.

**4.** <sup>5</sup>[**(1)**] The <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] may constitute<sup>6</sup> for any Province one or more <sup>7</sup>[provincial] corps or units of the Indian Territorial Force and may disband <sup>7</sup>[or reconstitute] any corps or unit so constituted. <sup>and disbandment of units.</sup>

<sup>7</sup>[**(2)**] The <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] may constitute for any town or group of towns in a Province one or more urban corps or units of the Indian Territorial Force, to be recruited from persons residing in or near such town or towns, and may disband or reconstitute any corps or unit so constituted.

**(3)** The <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] may constitute for any Province a University Corps consisting of one or more units of the Territorial Force, for the appointment thereto of students of, and other persons connected with, a University established by law in British India, or colleges affiliated to such a University, and may disband or reconstitute any unit so constituted.]

<sup>8</sup>[**4A.** **(1)**] There shall be the following classes of officers in the Indian Territorial Force, namely:— <sup>Classes of officers.</sup>

(a) senior officers, holding commissions <sup>9\*</sup> \* \* with British designation of rank, and

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Territorial Force (Amendment) Act, 1928 (9 of 1928), s. 3 (b).

<sup>2</sup> The definition of “University Corps” was rep. by s. 3 (c), *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>5</sup> The original s. 4 was renumbered as sub-section (1) of that section by Act 9 of 1928, s. 4.

<sup>6</sup> For notification constituting corps and units, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. IV, pp. 580 to 583.

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by Act 9 of 1928, s. 4.

<sup>8</sup> Ins. by s. 5, *ibid.*

<sup>9</sup> The words “granted by the G. G. in the name of His Majesty” rep. by the A. O.

(b) junior officers, holding commissions <sup>1\*</sup> \* \* with Indian designation of rank.

(2) An officer shall be deemed to be enrolled in the Indian Territorial Force for so long as he holds a commission in that Force.]

**Enrolment.**

5. (1) Any British subject <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* or any subject of a State in India may offer himself for enrolment in the Indian Territorial Force, and any such person who satisfies the prescribed conditions may be enrolled in the prescribed manner for such period, not exceeding six years, as may be prescribed :

[Provided that no European British subject shall be enrolled in any corps or unit of the Indian Territorial Force other than a University Corps.]

(2) An applicant for enrolment may apply to be enrolled for service in any particular branch, corps or unit constituted for the Province <sup>4</sup>[or town or group of towns] within which he for the time being resides.

<sup>5</sup>[(3) The <sup>6</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>7</sup>[Official Gazette], declare in respect of any State in India the Province in which persons residing in that State may be enrolled, and persons so residing shall thereupon be deemed for all purposes of this Act to reside in that Province.]

**Appointment to corps or unit.**

6. (1) Every person enrolled shall without unnecessary delay be appointed in the prescribed manner to a corps or unit constituted under section 4 for the Province <sup>4</sup>[or town or group of towns] in which he for the time being resides.

(2) Any person who has been enrolled for service in any particular branch, corps or unit shall be appointed to a corps or unit of that branch or to that corps or unit, as the case may be.

**Transfer and attachment.**

7. (1) Any person appointed to a corps or unit under section 6 may be transferred, whether on disbandment of the corps or unit or otherwise, to another corps or unit of the Indian Territorial Force, in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) Nothing contained in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to authorise the transfer without his own consent of any person enrolled to a corps or unit constituted for a Province <sup>4</sup>[or town or group of towns] other than that in which he for the time being resides, or of a person enrolled for service in a particular branch to a corps or unit of another branch, or of a person enrolled for service in a particular corps or unit to any other corps or unit <sup>4</sup>[or of a person enrolled in an urban corps or unit to a provincial corps or unit].

<sup>1</sup> The words "granted by the Governor General" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>2</sup> The words and brackets "(not being a European British subject)" rep. by the Indian Territorial Force (Amendment) Act, 1928 (9 of 1928), s. 6.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by s. 6, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by s. 7, *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the Indian Territorial Force (Amendment) Act, 1929 (13 of 1929), s. 2.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

(3) Any person enrolled may be attached at his own request to any corps or unit of the Indian Territorial Force or to any regular forces.

<sup>1</sup>[7A. (1) Any enrolled person who leaves his place of residence for Change of the time being and thereby leaves the Province in which the corps or unit in which he is serving is constituted shall, if he does not intend to return to that Province, notify the prescribed authority in that Province of his change of residence.

(2) If such person having intended to return does not return within three months, he shall notify the prescribed authority as aforesaid immediately on the expiry of that period.

(3) The prescribed authority on being notified of a change of residence under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) may, subject to the provisions of section 7, transfer such person from the corps or unit in which he is serving to another corps or unit.]

8. Every person enrolled shall be entitled to receive his discharge Discharge. from the Indian Territorial Force on the expiration of the period for which he was enrolled, and any such person may, prior to the expiration of that period, be discharged from the said Force by such authority and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, and shall be so discharged on a recommendation of the Advisory Committee in this behalf:

Provided that no person enrolled who is for the time being engaged in military service under the provisions of this Act shall be entitled to receive his discharge before the termination of such service.

9. (1) Every person enrolled shall, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, be bound to serve in any corps or unit of the Indian Territorial Force to which he has been appointed or transferred or is for the time being attached, and shall be subject to all rules and regulations that may be made under this Act relating to such corps or unit. Liability to serve and perform military service.

(2) Every person enrolled <sup>2</sup>[who has attained the age of eighteen years] shall be liable to perform military service—

(a) when called out with any portion of the Indian Territorial Force by an order of the senior military officer present either to act in support of the civil power or to provide guards which, in the opinion of such officer, are essential; or

(b) when any portion of the Indian Territorial Force to which he belongs has been embodied to support or supplement His Majesty's regular forces in India in the event of an emergency by a notification directing such embodiment issued by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] and published in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette]; or

(c) when attached at his own request to any regular forces:

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Territorial Force (Amendment) Act, 1928 (9 of 1928), s. 8.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by s. 9, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>1</sup>[Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall apply to persons enrolled in a University Corps.]

Territorial limits of liability to, and duration of, military service.

10. (1) No person embodied under section 9 shall be required to perform military service beyond the limits of India save under a general or special order of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] <sup>3</sup>[and no person for the time being serving in an urban corps or unit shall at any time be required to perform military service beyond the limits of the Province in which the corps or unit in which he is serving is located, save when it is, in the opinion of the senior military officer present, necessary to proceed beyond those limits in the course of the military operations upon which the corps or unit or any portion thereof is for the time being engaged].

(2) Any portion of the Indian Territorial Force which, having been called out or embodied under section 9, is performing military service shall be replaced by regular troops or otherwise as soon as circumstances permit, and shall not be required to perform such service after such replacement has been effected to the satisfaction of the senior military officer in charge or after the cancellation of the order or notification under clause (a) or (b), as the case may be, of section 9.

Application of the Army Act and of the Indian Army Act, 1911.

<sup>4</sup>[11. (1) Every senior officer of the Indian Territorial Force, when doing duty as such officer, shall be subject to the Army Act, and <sup>44 & 45</sup> Vict., c. 58. any orders or regulations made thereunder, whereupon the said Act, orders and regulations shall apply to him as if he held the same rank in His Majesty's Army as he holds for the time being in the said Force, subject to the terms of his commission and the orders of His Majesty.

(2) Every junior officer of the Indian Territorial Force, when doing duty as such officer, shall be subject to the Indian Army Act, 1911, and <sup>VIII of 1911.</sup> the rules and regulations made thereunder, whereupon the said Act, rules and regulations shall apply to him as if he held the same rank in His Majesty's Indian Forces as he holds for the time being in the said Force, subject to the terms of his commission and the orders of the Governor General.

(3) Every non-commissioned officer and man of the Indian Territorial Force,—

(a) when called out or embodied for military service under section 9,

(b) when attached to, or otherwise acting as part of, or with, any regular force, or

(c) when embodied for, or otherwise undergoing, military training in the prescribed manner,

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Territorial Force (Amendment) Act, 1928 (9 of 1928), s. 9.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by Act 9 of 1928, s. 10.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 11, *ibid.*, for the original section.

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shall be subject to the Indian Army Act, 1911, and the rules and regulations made thereunder, whereupon the said Act, rules and regulations shall apply to him as if he held the same rank in His Majesty's Indian Forces as he holds for the time being in the said Force, subject to the orders of the Governor General:

Provided that the said Act, rules and regulations shall, in their application to such non-commissioned officers and men when embodied for or otherwise undergoing military training, be modified to such extent and in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided further that non-commissioned officers and men of an urban corps or unit, when undergoing military training without having been embodied for that purpose, and non-commissioned officers and men of a University Corps when undergoing training, shall, in respect of such training, be subject only to such disciplinary and other rules as may be prescribed.

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(4) Where an offence punishable under the Indian Army Act, 1911, or, as the case may be, under that Act as modified under sub-section (3), has been committed by any person whilst subject to that Act under the provisions of this section, such person may be taken into and kept in military custody and tried and punished for such offence, although he has ceased to be so subject as aforesaid, in like manner as he might have been taken into and kept in military custody, tried or punished if he had continued to be so subject:

Provided that no such person shall be kept in military custody after he has ceased to belong to the Indian Territorial Force, unless he has been taken into or kept in military custody on account of the offence before the date on which he ceased so to belong; nor shall he be kept in military custody or be tried or punished for the offence after the expiry of two months from that date, unless his trial has already commenced before such expiry.]

<sup>1</sup>[**11A.** In addition to, or in substitution for, any punishment or Summary punishments to which he may be liable under the Indian Army Act, 1911, a junior officer, non-commissioned officer or man of the Indian Territorial Force, not being a member of a University Corps, may be punished, either by a Criminal Court or summarily by order of the prescribed authority, for any offence under that Act, or for the contravention of any rule or regulation under this Act, with fine which may extend to fifty rupees, to be recovered in such manner and by such authority as may be prescribed:

Provided that no fine shall be summarily inflicted by order of the prescribed authority in any case in which the accused claims to be tried by a Criminal Court:

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<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Territorial Force (Amendment) Act, 1928 (9 of 1928), s. 12.

Provided further that no Court inferior to that of a Presidency Magistrate or a Magistrate of the first class shall try any offence made punishable by or under this Act.

Presumption  
as to certain  
documents.

**11B.** Where a junior officer, non-commissioned officer or man of the Indian Territorial Force is required, by or in pursuance of any rule, regulation or order made under this Act, to attend at any place, a certificate purporting to be signed by the prescribed officer, stating that the person so required to attend failed to do so in accordance with such requirement, shall, without proof of the signature or appointment of such officer, be evidence of the matters stated therein.]

Advisory  
Committees.

<sup>1</sup>[**12.** <sup>2</sup>(1) In each Province in which any unit or units of the Indian Territorial Force is or have been constituted, the Central Government shall constitute a Provincial Advisory Committee for all such units and a Unit Advisory Committee for each of such units.]

(2) The <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] shall constitute a Central Advisory Committee to advise <sup>4</sup>[it] on matters connected with the Indian Territorial Force generally.

(3) The constitution, powers and procedure of the Advisory Committees shall be such as may be prescribed.]

Power to  
make rules.

**13.** (1) The <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may, after previous publication, make rules<sup>5</sup> to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, such rules may—

- (a) prescribe the manner in which, the period for which and the conditions subject to which, persons may be enrolled under section 5;
- (b) prescribe the manner in which persons enrolled may be appointed to corps and units under section 6 or transferred under section 7 <sup>6</sup>[or section 7A];
- (c) prescribe the authorities by which and the conditions subject to which persons enrolled may be discharged under section 8;
- (d) prescribe <sup>7</sup>[preliminary and periodical military training, compulsory and voluntary, for] any persons or class of persons enrolled and provide for the embodiment of any corps or unit for that purpose;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Territorial Force (Amendment) Act, 1928 (9 of 1928), s. 13, for the original section.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original sub-section.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "him".

<sup>5</sup> For such rules, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. IV, p. 584.

<sup>6</sup> Ins. by Act 9 of 1928, s. 14.

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the Indian Territorial Force (Amendment) Act, 1931 (5 of 1931), s. 2, for "the preliminary and periodical training to be undergone by".

- (e) prescribe the military or other obligations to which members of a University Corps shall be liable when undergoing military training and provide generally for the maintenance of discipline in such cases;
- (f) provide for the medical examination of persons offering themselves for enrolment under section 5;
- (g) provide for and regulate the remuneration, allowances, gratuities or compensation (if any) to be paid to any person or class of persons enrolled or to their dependants; and
- (h) provide for any other matter which under this Act is to be or may be prescribed.

(3) All rules made under this Act shall be published in the <sup>1</sup>[Official Gazette], and on such publication shall have effect as if enacted in this Act.

**14.** (1) The Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in India may make regulations consistent with this Act and the rules made thereunder providing generally for all details connected with the organization and personnel of the Indian Territorial Force and for the duties, military training, clothing, equipment, allowances and leave of persons enrolled.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such regulations may specify the courses of training or instruction to be followed by any person or class of persons enrolled.

**15.** For the purposes of sections 128, 130 and 131 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, all officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Indian Territorial Force who have been appointed to a corps or unit shall be deemed to be officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers, respectively, of His Majesty's Army.

**16.** No person shall be liable to pay any municipal or other tax in respect of any horse, bicycle, motor bicycle, motor car, or other means of conveyance which he is authorised by regulations made under section 14 to maintain in his capacity as a member of the Indian Territorial Force.

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ACT NO. XLIX OF 1920.<sup>1</sup>

[22nd September, 1920.]

An Act to constitute an auxiliary force for service in India.

WHEREAS it is expedient to constitute an auxiliary force for service in India; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Auxiliary Force Act, 1920. Short title,

(2) It extends<sup>2</sup> to the whole of British India, including British extent and  
Baluchistan and the Sonthal Parganas, and applies also to European commencement.  
British subjects<sup>3</sup> [in any Indian State or tribal area].

(3) It shall come into force on the first day of October, 1920.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject Definitions.  
or context,—

“Advisory Committee” means an Advisory Committee constituted under section 28 for the prescribed military area, or part of a prescribed military area, within which a person subject to this Act for the time being resides or is serving, as the case may be;

“competent military authority” means the authority prescribed as competent to perform or exercise all or any of the duties imposed or powers conferred on the competent military authority by this Act;]

“enrolled person” means a person enrolled in the prescribed manner under this Act;

“enrolling officer” means an officer authorised to enroll persons under this Act;

“prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act, and “prescribe” has a corresponding meaning;

“regulation” means a regulation made under section 31; and

“training year” means a period of twelve months beginning on the first day of April and ending on the thirty-first day of March.

3. There shall be raised and maintained in the manner hereinafter Constitution provided an auxiliary force for service in India to be designated the of an auxiliary force.

4. Every person who—

(a) is a European British subject as defined in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, or

Classes who  
may be  
enrolled.

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<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1920, Pt. V, p. 154; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. V, p. 255; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1920, Pt. VI, pp. 1042 and 1282.

<sup>2</sup> This Act has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.; and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “within the territories of any Prince or Chief in India”.

\* Subs. by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1933 (10 of 1933), s. 2, for the original definition.

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<sup>1</sup>[(b)] is a British subject of European descent in the male line,  
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shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be eligible for enrolment thereunder.

**Enrolment.**

5. (1) Any male eligible for enrolment under this Act who has attained the age of sixteen years and is not a member of His Majesty's regular naval, military or air forces <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* may apply to be enrolled in the Auxiliary Force, India, and if he satisfies the prescribed conditions, may be enrolled therein in the prescribed manner, and shall thereupon become subject to the provisions of this Act.

(2) <sup>3</sup>[Subject to the prescribed conditions,] an applicant for enrolment may apply to be enrolled for service in any particular branch, or in any particular corps or unit <sup>4\*</sup> \* \* .

**Liability to undergo military training.**

6. Every enrolled person shall be liable to undergo military training as provided by or under this Act until discharged from the Auxiliary Force, India, as hereinafter provided.

**Liability to perform military service.**

7. Every enrolled person liable to undergo military training under section 6 shall, on and from the first day of April next following the date on which he attains the age of eighteen years or, if he has already attained the age of eighteen years on and from any later date on which he is enrolled, be liable to perform military service under this Act.

**Appointment to corps or unit.**

8. (1) Every enrolled person shall, without unnecessary delay, be appointed by, or under the orders of, the competent military authority to a corps or unit of the Auxiliary Force, India, and on receipt of an order so appointing him shall report himself for the purpose of joining such corps or unit at such time and place as may be specified in the order.

(2) Any person who has been enrolled for service in any particular branch, corps or unit shall be appointed to a corps or unit of that branch or to that corps or unit, as the case may be.

**Preliminary training.**

9. Every enrolled person liable to perform military service under this Act who on becoming so liable <sup>5</sup>[is included in the Active Class] shall, within the training year in which he becomes so liable, undergo <sup>6</sup>[pre-

<sup>1</sup> The original cl. (b) and (d) and the word "or" at the end of cl. (c) were rep., and cl. (c) was re-lettered as cl. (b), by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1928 (10 of 1928), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> The words "or of His Majesty's Royal Indian Marine" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1933 (10 of 1933), s. 3.

<sup>4</sup> The words "located in the prescribed military area within which he for the time being resides" rep. by s. 3, *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 4, *ibid.*, for "has not attained the age of thirty-one years".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by s. 4, *ibid.*, for "the preliminary training specified in Sch. I".

liminary training of such amount as may be ordered by the competent military authority subject to the limits specified in Schedule I]:

Provided that, if such preliminary training cannot be completed within that training year, it may be completed at the discretion of the [Officer Commanding the corps or unit to which such enrolled person belongs] in the training year next following:

<sup>2</sup>[Provided further that any person may be exempted either wholly or in part by the Officer Commanding his corps or unit from the necessity of undergoing preliminary training required by this section, and shall, on the publication in the orders of the corps or unit of such exemption, be deemed to the extent of such exemption to have completed such preliminary training.]

10. [Periodical training of persons entitled to rank as officers.]  
Rep. by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1933 (X of 1933), s. 5.

11. Every enrolled person liable to perform military service under this Act <sup>3\*</sup> \* \* shall be included <sup>4</sup>[by the Officer Commanding the corps or unit to which he is appointed] in one or other of the following classes, namely:—

(a) the Active Class; <sup>5</sup>[or]

<sup>6</sup>[(b) the Reserve Class;]

and shall undergo <sup>7</sup>[periodical training of such amount as may be ordered by the competent military authority subject to the limits specified in Schedule I] for the Class in which he is for the time being included.

12. (1) Every commissioned officer of the Auxiliary Force, India, shall be included in the Active Class until he relinquishes his commission.

(2) Enrolled persons liable to perform military service under this Act not being commissioned officers of the Auxiliary Force, India, <sup>8\*</sup> \* \* shall be classified as follows, namely:—

(a) every such person who is required by section 9 to undergo preliminary training <sup>9</sup>[or who being so required] has completed or is deemed to have completed the same shall be included in the Active Class <sup>10</sup>[until he is transferred to the

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1933 (10 of 1933), s. 4, for “competent military authority”.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 4, *ibid.*, for the original second proviso.

<sup>3</sup> The words and brackets “(other than a person to whom the provisions of s. 10 apply)” rep. by s. 6, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for “as hereinafter provided”.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by s. 6, *ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for the original cl. (b) and (c).

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for “the periodical training specified in Sch. I”.

<sup>8</sup> The words “or entitled to rank as officers of His Majesty’s Forces” rep. by s. 7, *ibid.*

<sup>9</sup> Subs. by s. 7, *ibid.*, for “and”.

<sup>10</sup> Subs. by s. 7, *ibid.*, for “until the end of the training year in which he attains the age of thirty-one years”.

Reserve Class by order of the Officer Commanding the corps or unit];

<sup>1</sup>[(b) every such person who is transferred from the Active Class under the provisions of clause (a) or who on enrolment is assigned to the Reserve Class by order of the Officer Commanding the corps or unit shall be included in the Reserve Class.]

(3) Any enrolled person who ceases <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* to be a commissioned officer of the Auxiliary Force, India, shall thereupon be included in the Class in which he would have been included under this section, if the provisions of <sup>3\*</sup> \* sub-section (1) <sup>4\*</sup> \* \* had not applied to him, and shall undergo periodical training accordingly.

(4) Any person who is under this section included in <sup>5</sup>[the Reserve Class] may apply to the competent military authority to be included <sup>6</sup>[in the Active Class], and shall, <sup>7</sup>[if the competent military authority grants the application,] thereupon be deemed to be included in that Class.

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Variations of  
training.

13. (1) The competent military authority may, by order in writing,—

<sup>9</sup>[(a) on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, direct that any enrolled person included in the Active Class shall, for the purposes of periodical training, be included for any stated period in the Reserve Class, or]

(b) on his own motion or on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, reduce the specified amount of training either in individual cases or in the case of any unit or part thereof for any stated period.

(2) The competent military authority shall grant <sup>10</sup>[in respect of each individual or unit or part thereof] whose training is reduced under clause (b) of sub-section (1) a certificate setting forth the amount of training to be undergone during the said period.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1933 (10 of 1933), s. 7, for the original cl. (b) and (c).

<sup>2</sup> The words "to be entitled to rank as an officer of His Majesty's Forces or" rep. by s. 7, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> The words and figures "section 10 or" rep. by s. 7, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> The words "as the case may be" rep. by s. 7, *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 7, *ibid.*, for "either Class of the Reserve".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by s. 7, *ibid.*, for "for any training year in any other Class for which more periodical training is specified in Sch. I".

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by s. 7, *ibid.*

<sup>8</sup> Sub-section (5) rep. by s. 7, *ibid.*

<sup>9</sup> Subs. by s. 8, *ibid.*, for the original clause.

<sup>10</sup> Subs. by s. 8, *ibid.*, for "to each person".

**14.** Every enrolled person shall, if and when required by the <sup>1</sup>[Officer Medical Commanding the corps or unit to which he belongs], present himself for such medical examination as may be necessary to determine the extent, if any, to which he is fit to undergo military training or to perform military service, before a medical officer appointed or approved in that behalf by the competent military authority, and for the purposes of such medical examination shall comply with the directions of such medical officer.

**15.** (1) Every person appointed to a corps or unit under section 8 Transfers. shall remain in that corps or unit until transferred to another corps or unit by, or under the orders of, the competent military authority, but no person shall be transferred from the Infantry branch to another branch or from one unit to another unit located in the same prescribed military area except at his own request.

(2) Any person so transferred from the Infantry branch to another branch may be required to undergo such further preliminary training, not exceeding eight days, as may be ordered by the competent military authority, and thereafter shall undergo the periodical training <sup>2</sup>[to which he is liable in] the branch to which he is transferred :

Provided that any periodical training already undergone by such person in the training year in which he is transferred shall be deemed to have been undergone in such other branch.

*Explanation.*—For the purposes of this section and of Schedule I, a day shall be deemed to consist of four hours of actual military drill or instruction, and may be made up of fractions of a day not more than four in number.

**16.** (1) Any enrolled person who leaves his place of residence in India for the time being and thereby leaves the area commanded by one competent military authority for that commanded by another shall, if he does not intend to return to the area which he leaves, notify the competent military authority commanding that area of his change of residence.

(2) If such person having intended to return does not return within three months, he shall notify the competent military authority as aforesaid immediately on the expiry of that period.

(3) The competent military authority on being notified of a change of residence under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) may, subject to the provisions of section 15, transfer such person from the corps or unit in which he is serving to another corps or unit.

**17.** (1) Any enrolled person who has attained the age of forty-five years or has completed four years' service from the date of his enrolment

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1933 (10 of 1933), s. 9, for “competent military authority”.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 10, *ibid.*, for “specified in Sch. I for”.

shall, on application made by him in the prescribed manner, be entitled to receive his discharge from the Auxiliary Force, India.

(2) An enrolled person who is not entitled to his discharge under sub-section (1) <sup>1</sup>[shall] be discharged by the competent military authority on a recommendation of the Advisory Committee in this behalf.

<sup>2</sup>[(3) Any enrolled person may be discharged by such authority, and subject to such conditions, as may be prescribed.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2) or sub-section (3), no enrolled person, who is for the time being engaged in military service under the provisions of this Act, shall be entitled to receive his discharge before the termination of such service.]

Calling out  
and  
embodiment.

**18.** No person liable to perform military service under this Act shall be required to perform such service except—

(a) when called out with any portion of the Auxiliary Force, India, by an order of the senior military officer present either to act in support of the civil power or to provide guards which, in the opinion of such officer, are essential; or

(b) when any portion of the Auxiliary Force, India, to which he belongs has been embodied to support or supplement His Majesty's regular forces in the event of an emergency by a notification directing such embodiment issued by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government and published in the Official Gazette]; or

(c) when attached at his own request to any regular forces.

Territorial  
limits of  
liability to  
military  
service on  
calling out  
and  
embodiment.

**19.** No person called out under clause (a), or embodied under clause (b), of section 18 shall be required to perform military service beyond the limits of the prescribed military area in which the corps or unit to which he has been appointed or is for the time being attached is located, save when it is, in the opinion of the senior military officer present, necessary to proceed beyond those limits in the course of the military operations upon which the corps or unit or any portion thereof is for the time being engaged.

Duration of  
military  
service on  
calling out  
or  
embodiment.

**20.** Any portion of the Auxiliary Force, India, which, having been called out or embodied under section 18, is performing military service, shall be replaced by regular troops or otherwise as soon as circumstances permit, and shall not be required to perform such service after such replacement has been effected to the satisfaction of the senior military officer present or after the cancellation of the order or notification under clause (a) or (b), as the case may be, of section 18.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1928 (10 of 1928), s. 3, for "may".

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by s. 3, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C. or any L. G. empowered by the G. G. in C. in that behalf and published in the Gazette of India or the local official Gazette, as the case may be".

**21.** <sup>1</sup>[(1)] Every commissioned officer of the Auxiliary Force, India, when doing duty as a commissioned officer, and every non-commissioned officer and man of the said Force—

- (a) when attached to or otherwise acting as part of or with any regular forces, and
- (b) when called out by an order, or embodied by a notification, under section 18,

<sup>44 and 45</sup>  
Vict., c. 58.

shall be subject to the provisions of the Army Act and any orders or regulations made thereunder, and the said Act, orders and regulations shall apply to every such person in the circumstances aforesaid as if the same were enacted in this Act, and as if such person held the same rank in His Majesty's Army as he holds for the time being in the said Force, <sup>2</sup>[subject, in the case of an officer, to the terms of his commission and the orders of His Majesty, and, in the case of a non-commissioned officer or man, to the orders of the Governor General].

<sup>44 and 45</sup>  
Vict., c. 58.

<sup>3</sup>[(2) Where an offence punishable under the Army Act has been committed by any person whilst subject to that Act under the provisions of sub-section (1), such person may be taken into and kept in military custody and tried and punished for such offence, although he has ceased to be so subject as aforesaid, in like manner as he might have been taken into and kept in military custody, tried or punished if he had continued to be so subject:

Provided that no such person shall be kept in military custody after he has ceased to belong to the Auxiliary Force, India, unless he has been taken into or kept in military custody, on account of the offence before the date on which he ceased so to belong, nor shall he be kept in military custody or be tried or punished for the offence after the expiry of two months from that date, unless his trial had already commenced before such expiry.]

**22.** If any person liable to perform military service under this Act fails to comply with an order or notification under section 18 calling him out or embodying him for military service, any District Magistrate or Chief Presidency Magistrate may, on the application of the competent military authority or of an officer empowered by such authority in writing in that behalf, cause such person to be arrested and brought before him, and, if the Magistrate is satisfied that such person has been duly required to perform military service, the Magistrate may, without prejudice to any penalty which such person may have incurred, make over such person in custody to the military authorities.

**23.** An enrolled person who refuses or without lawful excuse (the burden of proving which shall lie upon such person) neglects—

- (a) to comply with any order under section 8; or

Penalties for  
breach of  
sections 8,  
14 and 16.

<sup>1</sup> The original s. 21 was renumbered as sub-section (1) of that section by the Indian Territorial and Auxiliary Forces (Amendment) Act, 1928 (31 of 1928), s. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1928 (10 of 1928), s. 4.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by Act 31 of 1928, s. 3.

- (b) to attend for medical examination, or to comply with the directions of the medical officer, as required by section 14; or  
 (c) to notify any change of residence as required by section 16; shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

**Other offences.**

24. An enrolled person commits an offence if he, in circumstances when he is not subject to military law, does any of the following acts, namely:—

- (1) when on parade or undergoing military training or wearing His Majesty's uniform—  
 (a) strikes, or uses or offers violence to or uses threatening or insubordinate language to, or behaves with contempt to, his superior officer; or  
 (b) disobeys any standing order of, or lawful command given by, his superior officer; or  
 (c) neglects to obey a general or garrison order made specially applicable to the Auxiliary Force, India, by the competent military authority; or  
 (d) is in a state of intoxication; or  
 (e) being a non-commissioned officer strikes or ill-treats any person subject to military law or to this Act, or to the Indian Territorial Force Act, 1920, who is his subordinate in rank <sup>XLVIII of</sup> 1920. or position;
- (2) without sufficient cause fails to appear at the place of parade at the time fixed or to attend at any place in his capacity as a member of the Auxiliary Force, India, when duly required so to attend, or when on parade without sufficient cause quits the ranks;
- (3) without sufficient cause fails to perform any part of the training which by or under this Act he is required to perform;
- (4) strikes, or uses or offers violence to, any person whether subject to military law or not in whose military custody he is placed, and whether such person is or is not his superior officer;
- (5) resists an escort whose duty it is to arrest him or detain him in military custody;
- (6) being under arrest or detention or otherwise in lawful military custody escapes or attempts to escape;
- (7) when in charge of any property belonging to <sup>1</sup>[the Crown] or to a corps or unit of the Auxiliary Force, India, makes away with, or is concerned in making away with, any such property;
- (8) wilfully injures, or by culpable neglect loses or causes injury to, any such property as is mentioned in clause (7);

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt."

(9) wilfully ill-treats a horse or other animal used in the public service;

(10) knowingly furnishes a false return or report of the number or state of men under his command or charge, or of any money, arms or ammunition, clothing, equipment, stores or other property in his charge;

(11) through design or culpable neglect omits to make or send any return of any matter mentioned in clause (10) which it is his duty to make or send;

(12) when it is his official duty to make a declaration respecting any matter, makes a declaration respecting such matter which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true;

**LVIII of 20.** (13) knowingly makes against any person subject to military law or to this Act or to the Indian Territorial Force Act, 1920, an accusation which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true;

(14) falsely personates any other person at any parade or on any occasion when such other person is required by or under this Act to do any act or attend at any place, or abets any such act of personation.

**25.** (1) Any person committing any of the offences specified in sub-clauses (b), (c) and (d) of clause (1) or in clauses (2), (3) (8), (11) and (14) of section 24 shall be punishable with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

(2) Any person committing any other offence specified in section 24 shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to two months, or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both.

**26.** The competent military authority may in his discretion dismiss any enrolled person from the Auxiliary Force, India.

**27.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may prescribe summary and minor punishments for offences under section 24 or for contravention of any rule or regulation made under this Act to which enrolled persons shall be liable without the intervention of a Criminal Court, and the officer or officers by whom and the circumstances in which and the extent to which such summary and minor punishments may be inflicted, and the manner in which any such punishment may be enforced:

Provided that no punishment involving any kind of imprisonment shall be imposed as a summary or minor punishment:

Provided further that no summary punishment shall be inflicted in any case in which the accused claims to be tried by a Criminal Court.

**27A.** Where any non-commissioned officer or man of the Auxiliary Force is required, by or in pursuance of any rule, regulation or order as to certain documents.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1928 (10 of 1928), s. 5.

made under this Act, to attend at any place, a certificate purporting to be signed by the prescribed officer stating that the person so required to attend failed to do so in accordance with such requirement, shall, without proof of the signature or appointment of such officer, be evidence of the matters stated therein.]

**Advisory Committees.**

**28.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall constitute for each prescribed military area one or more Advisory Committees each consisting of three or more members, of whom one shall be the competent military authority <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* and the others shall be persons eligible for enrolment in the Auxiliary Force, India, within the meaning of section 4, who shall be appointed annually by, or under the orders of, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

(2) Any Advisory Committee constituted for a prescribed military area or a part thereof, as the case may be, which includes a Presidency-town or any other place to which the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may, by order in writing, declare this sub-section to apply,<sup>4</sup> shall consist of not less than five members, of whom not more than two shall be persons in the <sup>5</sup>[service of the Crown].

(3) The <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] shall prescribe the duties, powers and procedure of Advisory Committees and, in particular, the matters in respect of which the competent military authority shall be bound to give effect to a recommendation of an Advisory Committee unless the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] otherwise directs.

**29.** The <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may constitute<sup>6</sup> any corps or unit and may disband any corps or unit constituted under this Act.

**30.** (1) The <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may make rules<sup>7</sup> to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers such rules may—

(a) provide for the appointment of enrolling officers;

<sup>8</sup>[(aa) prescribe the authority which shall be the competent military authority for any purpose under this Act;]

(b) prescribe military areas for the purposes of this Act;

(c) prescribe the manner in which and the conditions subject to which European British subjects <sup>9\*</sup> \* \* may offer

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> The words "or a military officer appointed by him in this behalf" rep. by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1933 (10 of 1933), s. 11.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> For notification applying the provisions of this sub-section to the town of Karachi, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. IV, p. 599.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "service of Govt."

<sup>6</sup> For notifications under this section, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. IV, pp. 599 to 607.

<sup>7</sup> For the Auxiliary Force Rules, 1920, see *ibid.*, p. 607.

<sup>8</sup> Ins. by Act 10 of 1933, s. 12.

<sup>9</sup> The words "and other persons who are not British subjects" were rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1930 (8 of 1930), s. 3 and Sch. II.

themselves for enrolment under this Act <sup>1</sup>[and the conditions governing applications to be enrolled in a particular branch, corps or unit];

- (d) define the manner in which and the conditions under which persons or any class of persons liable to military service under this Act may be excused from being called out or embodied;
- (e) prescribe the military training to be undergone by persons liable to military training under section 6 but not to military service under section 7;
- (f) prescribe the <sup>1</sup>[conditions governing the grant of, and the] rates of pay for, and provide for the grant of allowances to, <sup>2</sup>[enrolled persons];
- (g) prescribe for any military area which is a railway area or for any area beyond the limits of British India the <sup>3</sup>[authority] which shall be deemed <sup>4\*</sup> to be <sup>5\* \* \*</sup> the District Magistrate for all or any of the purposes of this Act; and
- (h) provide for any other matter which under this Act is to be or may be prescribed.

(3) Any rule made under this section may provide that a contravention thereof shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

(4) The power to make rules conferred by this section shall, except on the first occasion of the exercise thereof, be subject to the condition of previous publication.

(5) All rules made under this section shall be published in the <sup>6</sup>[Official Gazette], and on such publication shall have effect as if enacted in this Act.

**31.** The Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in India may <sup>Power to make regulations.</sup> make regulations consistent with this Act and the rules made thereunder providing generally for details connected with the organisation and personnel of the Auxiliary Force, India, and for the duties, equipment, military training, allowances and leave of enrolled persons.

**32.** For the purposes of sections 128, 130 and 131 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, all officers, non-commissioned officers and men liable to perform military service under this Act who have been appointed to a corps or unit shall be deemed to be officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers, respectively, of His Majesty's Army.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1933 (10 of 1933), s. 12.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1931 (6 of 1931), s. 2, for "persons liable to perform military service under this Act".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "authorities".

<sup>4</sup> The word "respectively" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>5</sup> The words "the L. G. and" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

Certain persons subject to this Act to be deemed part of His Majesty's Army for certain purposes.

Trial of  
offences.

**33.** Save as otherwise provided by section 27, no offence under this Act shall be tried save by a Court not inferior to that of a Presidency Magistrate or a Magistrate of the first class.

Exemption  
from local  
taxation.

**34.** No enrolled person shall be liable to pay any municipal or other tax in respect of a horse, bicycle, motor-bicycle, motor car or other means of conveyance which he is authorised by a general or special order of the competent military authority to maintain in his capacity as a member of the Auxiliary Force, India.

**35.** [Amendment of section 1, Act XI of 1878.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1938 (I of 1938), s. 2 and Sch.

**36.** [Repeals.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

## SCHEDULE I.

(See sections 9, 11, 12 and 15.)

### TRAINING.

1. Preliminary—		
(a) for infantry	.	32 days, and the annual musketry course as laid down in regulations.
(b) for other branches.	.	40 days, and the annual musketry or gun course as laid down in regulations.
2. Periodical—		
(1) Active class—		
(a) for infantry	.	16 days in each training year, and the annual musketry course as laid down in regulations.
(b) for other branches.	.	20 days in each training year, and the annual musketry or gun course as laid down in regulations.
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2[(2)] *[Reserve Class]—		
(a) for infantry	.	The annual musketry course as laid down * * *
(b) for other branches.	.	in regulations.

NOTE.—(Cf. section 15.) A day consists of four hours of actual military drill or instruction and may be made up of fractions of a day not more than four in number.

## SCHEDULE II.—[ENACTMENTS REPEALED.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

<sup>1</sup> Sub-item (2) rep. by the Auxiliary Force (Amendment) Act, 1933 (10 of 1933), s. 13.

<sup>2</sup> The original sub-item (3) was re-numbered as sub-item (2) by s. 13, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 13, *ibid.*, for "Second (B) Class Reserve".

<sup>4</sup> The words "for this Class" rep. by s. 13, *ibid.*

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (DEPUTY-PRESIDENT'S SALARY) ACT, 1921.

ACT NO. II OF 1921.<sup>1</sup>

[27th March, 1921.]

An Act to determine the salary of the Deputy-President of the Legislative Assembly.

WHEREAS it is provided by sub-section (5) of section 63-C of the Government of India Act that the Deputy-President of the Legislative Assembly shall receive such salary as may be determined by Act of the Indian Legislature; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Legislative Assembly (Deputy-President's Salary) Act, 1921. *Short title.*

2. There shall be paid to the Deputy-President of the Legislative Assembly, in respect of any period during which he is engaged on work connected with the business of the said Assembly, a salary calculated at the rate of one thousand rupees *per mensem.* *Salary of Deputy-President.*

3. If any question arises whether during any period the Deputy-President was engaged on work connected with the business of the Legislative Assembly, the question shall be referred for decision to the President of the said Assembly, and his decision shall be final. *Decision in case of doubt.*

<sup>2</sup>[4. On the establishment of the Federation of India this Act shall cease to have effect.] *Act to cease on establishment of Federation.*

THE HINDU TRANSFERS AND BEQUESTS (CITY OF MADRAS) ACT, 1921.

ACT NO. VIII OF 1921.<sup>3</sup>

[27th March, 1921.]

An Act to declare the rights of Hindus to make transfers and bequests in favour of unborn persons in the City of Madras.

WHEREAS it is expedient to declare the rights of Hindus to make transfers and bequests in favour of unborn persons in the City of Madras; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Hindu Transfers and Bequests (City of Madras) Act, 1921. *Short title.*

2. (1) This Act shall apply to all transfers *inter vivos* and wills made by persons governed by the Hindu Law who are domiciled within the limits of the Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction of the High Court of Madras. *Application and extent.*

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1921, Pt. V, p. 7.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1921, Pt. V, p. 94.

*Enemy Missions.*

[1921: Act IX.

(2) In the case of transfers *inter vivos* or wills executed before the date of this Act, the provisions of this Act shall apply to such of the dispositions thereby made as are intended to come into operation at a time which is subsequent to the 14th February, 1914:

Provided that nothing contained in this section shall affect *bona fide* transferees for valuable consideration in whom the right to any property has vested prior to the date of this Act.

*Explanation.*—Hindus governed by the Marumakkattayam or the Aliyasantana law shall be deemed to be persons governed by the Hindu Law for the purposes of this Act.

Disposition  
for the bene-  
fit of person  
not in  
existence.

<sup>1</sup>[3. Subject to the limitations and provisions specified in this Act, no disposition of property by a Hindu, whether by transfer *inter vivos* or by will, shall be invalid by reason only that any person for whose benefit it may have been made was not born at the date of such disposition.

Limitations  
and condi-  
tions.

4. The limitations and provisions referred to in section 3 shall be the following, namely:—

- (a) in respect of disposition by transfers *inter vivos*, those contained in Chapter II of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882, IV of 1882. and
- (b) in respect of dispositions by will, those contained in sections 113, 114, 115 and 116 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925.] XXXIX of 1925.

## THE ENEMY MISSIONS ACT, 1921.

Act No. IX of 1921.<sup>2</sup>

[27th March, 1921.]

An Act to validate certain indentures transferring properties formerly held by certain Enemy Missions in Trustees, and for the incorporation of such Trustees and for other purposes.

WHEREAS the Governor General in Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 7 and 12 of the <sup>3</sup>Enemy Trading Act, 1916, vested X of 1916. the properties both moveable and immoveable in British India of the Leipzig Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Madras and Burma, the Schleswig Holstein Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Madras, the Hermannsburg Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Madras, the Basel Mission, Madras, Bombay and Coorg, the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Mission, United Provinces and Bihar and Orissa, the German Evangelical

<sup>1</sup> Ss. 3 and 4 were subs. for the original ss. 3, 4 and 5 by the Transfer of Property (Amendment) Supplementary Act, 1929 (21 of 1929), s. 18.

<sup>2</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1921, Pt. V, p. 60.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (12 of 1927).

Lutheran Mission, Bihar and Orissa and Assam, and a religious association in Assam styled the Sisters of the Divine Saviour, in certain Custodians of Enemy Property, and by order directed the said Custodians to transfer the properties thereby respectively vested in them to Boards of Trustees on certain trusts which the said Custodians accordingly purported to do by the several indentures, particulars of which are given in the Schedule hereto annexed; and

WHEREAS the properties comprised in the several indentures have by diverse mesne appointments become vested in the present Trustees of those indentures; and

WHEREAS doubts have risen and may arise as to the validity of certain matters in connection with the above-mentioned transfers; and

WHEREAS it is expedient to terminate such doubts and to constitute the several bodies of Trustees bodies corporate in order that the intention of the said transfers may be fully carried out;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the **Enemy Missions Act, 1921.**

**Short title.**

2. (1) Each body of persons whose names are set out in the fourth column of the Schedule, and the predecessors in office of those persons shall be deemed to have been validly appointed the trustees of the indenture or indentures, as the case may be, described in the Schedule opposite the names of the persons comprising that body, and each such body of persons, together with the successors in office of those persons, is hereby constituted a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued by the corporate name given to it in the fifth column of the Schedule.

**Incorpora-  
tion of  
Trustees.**

(2) For the purposes of the appointment of the successors of the persons named in the fourth column of the Schedule in their office as such trustees, the provisions of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, shall be deemed to apply, and appointments of any trustees which are required to be made by the National Missionary Council of India shall be sufficiently made if made by writing under the hand of the Chairman of that body.

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3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any enactment or rule of law to the contrary, the indentures described in the Schedule are hereby declared to have been validly made and the properties respectively transferred, or purporting to be transferred, thereby shall be deemed to have been duly transferred by the said indentures, and all acts or things heretofore done under the said indentures are hereby validated and confirmed, and every obligation imposed or purporting to be imposed on any person mentioned in any of the said indentures shall be binding in law on the person named therein whether such person is or is not a party to such indenture, and the Trustees referred to in sub-section (1) of section 2 shall have power, in conformity with the indentures of which they are respectively trustees, to transfer or otherwise deal with the properties comprised in those indentures.

**Validation  
of indentures,  
etc.**

## THE SCHEDULE.

(See section 2.)

## Particulars of Indenture and present Trustees thereof.

1	2	3	4	5
Date.	Parties.	Short effect.	Name and description of the Trustees of each Indenture at the date of the passing of this Act.	Corporate name of the Trustees for the time being of each Indenture from the date of the passing of this Act.
26th January 1920. Registered at Madras on 28th June 1920, being Serial No. 2036 of 1920 in Registration Book I of the office of the Registrar of Madras, Chingleput.	Daniel Chamier, Custodian of Enemy Property, Madras and Coong (therein referred to as the Custodian) of the first part, and Henry Reginald Pate, Arthur Davis, the Reverend William Weston, the Hon'ble Mr. Muthiah David Devadoss Arvegal, and the Reverend Duncan Gordon MacNaughton Leith (herein referred to as the Trustees) of the second part.	Being a transfer by the Custodian to the Trustees on the Trusts therein mentioned of all property moveable or immovable in the Madras Presidency and Coong, formerly belonging to or held in Trust for the Basel Mission, the Leipzig Evangelical Lutheran Mission, the Schleswig Holstein Evangelical Lutheran Mission, and the Hermannsburg Evangelical Lutheran Mission.	[John Anderson Thorne, I.C.S., Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Madras.]	[The Mission "Trust of Southern India."
31st March 1920. Registered at Madras on 5th August 1920, being Serial No. 2197 of 1920 in Registration Book I of the office of the Registrar of Madras, Chingleput.	Harold Charles Barnes Mitchell, Custodian of Enemy Property, Bombay (therein referred to as the Custodian) of the first part and John Anderson Thorne, Arthur Davies, the Reverend William Weston, the Hon'ble Mr. Muthiah David Devadoss and the Reverend Duncan Gordon MacNaughton Leith (therein referred to as the Trustees) of the second part.	Being a transfer by the Custodian to the Trustees on the Trusts therein mentioned of all property moveable or immovable in the Bombay Presidency, formerly belonging to or held in Trust for the Basel Mission.	[Duncan Gordon MacNaughton Leith, Secretary, German Missions Committee of the National Missionary Council.]	[Anthony Watson Brough of the London Mission, Erode, Madras.]

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13th October 1919. Registered at Ghazipur on 23rd January 1920, being Serial No. 2 of 1920 in Registration Book 1 of the office of the Registrar of Ghazipur.	Shaikh Makbul Hoosan, Custodian of Enemy Property, United Provinces (therein referred to as the Custodian) of the first part and the Hon'ble Mr. B. Foley, W. B. Heycock, the Reverend J. Z. Hodges, Professor S. C. Mukerji, the Reverend G. J. Dann (therein referred to as the Trustees) of the second part.	Being a transfer by the Custodian to the Trustees on the Trusts therein mentioned of all property moveable or immoveable in the United Provinces, formerly belonging to or held in Trust for the Gosner Evangelical Lutheran Mission.	Frank Frederick Loyal, Commissioner of Chota Nagpur.	John Tarlton Whitty, Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi.	Being a transfer by the Custodian to the Trustees on the Trusts therein mentioned of all property moveable or immoveable in the Province of Bihar and Orissa, formerly belonging to or held in Trust for the German Evangelical Lutheran Mission.	Herbert Anderson, Secretary, National Missionary Council.	George James Pann, Missionary, Patna.	Satish Chandra Mukerji, Professor, Serampore College.	*	*	*	*
13th October 1919. Registered at Ranchi on 4th December 1919, being Serial No. 4390 of 1919 in Registration Book 1 of the office of the District Sub-Registrar, Ranchi.	Patrick William Murphy, Custodian of Enemy Property, Bihar and Orissa (therein referred to as the Custodian) of the one part and Blanchard Foley, William Bissil Heycock, the Reverend John Zimmerman Hodge, Professor S. C. Mukerji and the Reverend George James Dann (therein referred to as the Trustees) of the other part.	Being a transfer by the Custodian to the Trustees on the Trusts therein mentioned of all property moveable or immoveable in Assam, formerly belonging to or held in Trust for the German Evangelical Lutheran Mission.	Stephen Nairne Mackenzie, Custodian of Enemy Property, Assam (therein referred to as the Custodian) of the first part and the Hon'ble Mr. Blanchard Foley, William Bissil Heycock, the Reverend John Zimmerman Hodge, Professor S. C. Mukerji and the Reverend G. J. Dann (therein referred to as the Trustees) of the second part.						*	*	*	*
1st October 1919. Registered at Dibrugarh on 29th January 1920, being Serial No. 42 of 1920 in Registration Book 1 of the office of the Sub-Registrar, Dibrugarh.												

<sup>1</sup>The entries relating to the Burma Mission Trust were rep. by the A. Q.

*Particulars of Indenture and present Trustees thereof.*

1	2	3	4	5
Date,	Parties.	Short effect.	Name and description of the Trustees of each Indenture at the date of the passing of this Act.	Corporate name of the Trustees for the time being of each Indenture from the date of the passing of this Act.
30th April 1920.	Gerald Courtenay Kerwood, Custodian of Enemy Property, Assam (herein referred to as the Custodian) of the first part and the Very Reverend Paul Lefebvre, John McSwiney, Robert Eustace Witham (herein referred to as the Trustees) of the second part.	Being a transfer by the Custodian to the Trustees on the Trust therein mentioned of all property moveable or immovable in Assam, formerly belonging to or held in Trust for the religious association or covenanted order called the Sisters of the Divine Saviour.	The Very Reverend Paul Lefebvre, Vice Administrator of the Prefecture Apostolic of Assam. John McSwiney, Director of Land Records and Agriculture, Assam.	The Assam Roman Catholic Mission Trust.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1923 (11 of 1923), s. 2 and Sch. I, for "Budla."

## THE CATTLE-TRESPASS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1921.

ACT NO. XVII OF 1921.<sup>1</sup>

[30th September, 1921.]

An Act further to amend the Cattle-trespass Act, 1871.

**I of 1871.** WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Cattle-trespass Act, 1871; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Cattle-trespass (Amendment) Act, Short title 1921. and com-  
mencement.

(2) This section shall come into force at once.

(3) The rest of the Act shall come into force<sup>2</sup> in any Province or part thereof on such date as the<sup>3</sup> [Provincial Government] may, by notification in the<sup>4</sup> [Official Gazette], appoint.

**I of 1871.** 2. For section 12 of the Cattle-trespass Act, 1871, the following Substitution section shall be substituted, namely:—

[See the Unrepealed Central Acts, Vol. I, p. 614.]

of new  
section  
for section  
12, Act I  
of 1871.

3. [Repeal.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1921, Pt. V, p. 118.

<sup>2</sup> This Act has been declared to be in force in—

(1) Madras Presidency, from 1st April, 1928, see Fort St. George Gazette, 1928, Pt. I, p. 488;

(2) Bombay Presidency (excluding the town of Bombay), from 1st May, 1924, see Bombay Govt. Gazette, 1924, Pt. I, p. 654;

(3) Bengal Presidency (except the town of Calcutta), from 1st April, 1928, see Calcutta Gazette, 1928, Pt. I, p. 455;

(4) Punjab, from 28th April, 1922, see Punjab Gazette, 1922, Pt. I, p. 401;

(5) B. & O., from 1st October, 1923, see B. & O. Gazette, 1923, Pt. II, p. 1264; Santhal Parganas under the Santhal Parganas Settlement Regulation (3 of 1872), s. 3 (3) (a), see ibid., 1922, Pt. II, p. 271;

(6) C. P., from 1st May, 1922, see C. P. Gazette, 1922, Pt. III, p. 351;

(7) Kohat District, see N.-W. F. P. Gazette, 1929, Pt. I-A, p. 1357; and the Districts of Peshawar, Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan, see ibid., 1930, Pt. I-A, p. 18;

(8) British Baluchistan, from 23rd February, 1938, see Gazette of India, 1938, Pt. II-A, p. 110.

(9) Delhi, from 10th December, 1925, see Gazette of India, 1925, Pt. II-A, p. 397;

(10) Coorg, from 22nd August, 1935, see Coorg Gazette, 1938, Pt. I, p. 39; and

(11) Andaman and Nicobar Islands, see the Chief Commissioner's Notification No. 2 of 1938, dated 20th January, 1938.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

**THE MAINTENANCE ORDERS ENFORCEMENT  
ACT, 1921.**

Act No. XVIII of 1921.<sup>1</sup>

[5th October, 1921.]

An Act to facilitate the enforcement in British India of Maintenance Orders made in other parts of His Majesty's Dominions and Protectorates and *vice versa*.

WHEREAS it is expedient to facilitate the enforcement in British India of Maintenance Orders made in other parts of His Majesty's Dominions and Protectorates and *vice versa*; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**Short title and extent.**

**1.** (1) This Act may be called the Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act, 1921.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India, including the Sonthal Parganas and British Baluchistan.

**Definitions.**

**2.** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

“ Court of summary jurisdiction ” means the Court of a Chief Presidency Magistrate or of a District Magistrate;

“ dependants ” means such persons as a person against whom a maintenance order is made is liable to maintain according to the law in force in the part of His Majesty's Dominions in which the maintenance order is made;

“ maintenance order ” means a decree or order, other than an order of affiliation, made by a Court in the exercise of civil or criminal jurisdiction for the periodical payment of sums of money towards the maintenance of the wife or other dependants of the person against whom the order is made;

“ prescribed ” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

“ proper authority ” means the authority appointed by, or under the law of, a reciprocating territory to receive and transmit documents to which this Act applies; and

“ reciprocating territory ” means any part of His Majesty's Dominions outside British India in respect of which this Act for the time being applies.

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<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1921, Pt. V, p. 5; and for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1921, Pt. V, p. 127.

3. (1) If the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] is satisfied that provisions have Reciprocal been made by the Legislature of any part of His Majesty's Dominions arrangements for the enforcement within that part of maintenance orders made by Courts in British India, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], declare<sup>3</sup> that this Act applies in respect of that part of His Majesty's Dominions and thereupon it shall apply accordingly.

(2) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by like notification, declare<sup>4</sup> that this Act applies in respect of any British protectorate, or in respect of any State in India, and where such a declaration has been made, this Act shall apply as if such protectorate or State were a reciprocating territory.

4. (1) Where a maintenance order has, whether before or after the Registration in British India of passing of this Act, been made against any person by any Court in any reciprocating territory, and a certified copy of the order has been transmitted by the proper authority of that territory to the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government], the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall send a copy of the order to the prescribed officer of a Court in British India for registration, and, on receipt thereof, the order shall be registered in the prescribed manner.

(2). The Court in which an order is to be so registered as aforesaid shall, if the Court by which the order was made was, in the opinion of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], a Court of superior jurisdiction, be a High Court, and, if the Court was not, in <sup>6</sup>[its] opinion, a Court of superior jurisdiction, be a Court of summary jurisdiction.

5. Where a Court in British India has, whether before or after the commencement of this Act, made a maintenance order against any person, and it is proved to that Court that the person against whom the order was made is resident in a reciprocating territory, the Court shall send to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], for transmission to the proper authority of that territory, a certified copy of the order.

6. (1) Where application is made to a Court of summary jurisdiction in British India for a maintenance order against any person, and it is proved that that person is resident in a reciprocating territory, the Court may, in the absence of that person, if after hearing the evidence it is satisfied of the justice of the application, make any such order as it might have made if that person had wilfully neglected to attend the Court; but in such case the order shall be provisional only and shall have no effect unless and until confirmed by a competent Court in such territory.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " Gazette of India".

<sup>3</sup> For such declaration in respect of parts of His Majesty's dominions outside British India, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, pp. 2 to 4.

<sup>4</sup> For notifications making such declarations in respect of certain protectorates, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, p. 4.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " Governor General".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " his".

(2) The evidence of every witness who is examined on any such application shall be reduced to writing, and such deposition shall be read over to, and signed by, him.

(3) Where such an order is made, the Court shall send to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], for transmission to the proper authority of the reciprocating territory in which the person against whom the order is made is alleged to reside, the depositions so taken and a certified copy of the order together with a statement of the grounds on which the making of the order might have been opposed if the person against whom the order is made had been duly served with a summons and had appeared at the hearing and such information as the Court possesses for facilitating the identification of that person and ascertaining his whereabouts.

(4) Where any such provisional order has come before a Court in a reciprocating territory for confirmation, and the order has by that Court been remitted to the Court of summary jurisdiction which made the order for the purpose of taking further evidence, that Court shall, after giving the prescribed notice, proceed to take the evidence in like manner and subject to the like conditions as the evidence in support of the original application.

(5) If it appears to the Court hearing such evidence that the order ought not to have been made, the Court may rescind the order, but in any other case the depositions shall be sent to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] and dealt with in like manner as the original depositions.

(6) The confirmation of an order made under this section shall not affect any power of a Court of summary jurisdiction to vary or rescind that order:

Provided that, on the making of a varying or rescinding order, the Court shall send a certified copy thereof to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] for transmission to the proper authority of the reciprocating territory in which the original order was confirmed, or to which it was sent for confirmation and that, in the case of an order varying the original order, the order shall not have any effect unless and until confirmed in like manner as the original order.

**7. (1)** Where a maintenance order has been made by a Court in a reciprocating territory and the order is provisional only, and has no effect unless and until confirmed by a Court of summary jurisdiction in British India, and a certified copy of the order, together with the depositions of the witnesses and a statement of the grounds on which the order might have been opposed, has been transmitted to the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government], and it appears to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] that the person against whom the order has been made is resident in British India, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may send the said documents to the prescribed officer of a Court of summary jurisdiction, with a requisition that a summons be issued calling upon the person to show cause why

Power of  
Court of  
summary  
jurisdiction  
to confirm  
maintenance  
order made  
out of  
British  
India.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Governor General".

that order should not be confirmed, and, upon receipt of such documents and requisition, the Court shall issue such a summons and cause it to be served upon such person.

(2) A summons issued under sub-section (1) shall for all purposes be deemed to be a summons issued by the Court in the exercise of its original criminal jurisdiction.

(3) At the hearing it shall be open to the person to whom the summons was issued to raise any defence which he might have raised in the original proceedings had he been a party thereto, but no other defence, and the certificate from the Court which made the provisional order stating the grounds on which the making of the order might have been opposed if the person against whom the order was made had been a party to the proceedings shall be conclusive evidence that those grounds are grounds on which objection may be taken.

(4) If at the hearing the person served with the summons does not appear or, on appearing, fails to satisfy the Court that the order ought not to be confirmed, the Court may, notwithstanding any pecuniary limit imposed on its power by any law for the time being in force in British India, confirm the order either without modification or with such modifications as to the Court after hearing the evidence may seem just:

Provided that no sum shall be awarded as maintenance under this section, or shall be recoverable as such, at a rate exceeding that proposed in the provisional order.

(5) If the person to whom the summons was issued appears at the hearing and satisfies the Court that for the purpose of any defence it is necessary to remit the case to the Court which made the provisional order for the taking of any further evidence, the Court may for that purpose send a certified copy of the record to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] for transmission to that Court through the proper authority of the reciprocating territory, and may adjourn the proceedings.

(6) Where a provisional order has been confirmed under this section, it may be varied or rescinded in like manner as if it had originally been made by the confirming Court, and where on an application for rescission or variation the Court is satisfied that it is necessary to remit the case to the Court which made the provisional order for the purpose of taking any further evidence, the Court may for that purpose send a certified copy of the record to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] for transmission to that Court through the proper authority of the reciprocating territory, and may adjourn the proceedings.

8. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, where an order has been registered under this Act in a High Court, the order shall, from the date of such registration, be of the same force and effect, and all proceedings may be taken thereon as if it had been an order originally obtained in the High Court in the exercise of its civil jurisdiction, or in such Civil

Enforce-  
ment of  
maintenance  
orders.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

Court subordinate to that High Court as may be named by the High Court in this behalf, and that Court shall have power to enforce the order accordingly.

(2) A Court of summary jurisdiction in which an order has been registered under this Act or by which an order has been confirmed under this Act, and the officers of such Court, shall have such powers and perform such duties, for the purpose of enforcing the order, as may be prescribed.

**Payment of charges for transmission of sums awarded as maintenance and other costs and charges.**

9. A Court in registering or confirming an order for maintenance in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall direct that the charges for the transmission to the Court, from which the order has been received or in which the provisional order has been made, as the case may be, of the sum awarded as maintenance shall be borne by the person against whom the order has been so made or confirmed, and shall be recovered from him in addition to the sum awarded as maintenance and in addition to, and in the same manner as, such other costs and charges as may be awarded or levied by the Court.

**Proof of documents signed by officers of Court.**

10. For the purposes of this Act, any document purporting to be signed by a judge or officer of a Court outside British India shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been so signed without proof of the signature of judicial or official character of the person appearing to have signed it, and the officer of a Court by whom a document is signed shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been the proper officer of the Court to sign the document.

**Depositions to be evidence.**

11. Depositions taken in a Court in any reciprocating territory may, for the purposes of this Act, be received in evidence in proceedings before Courts of summary jurisdiction under this Act.

**Rule-making power.**

12. The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may make rules<sup>2</sup> for the purpose of carrying into effect the purposes of this Act, and in particular may make rules for the levy of the costs or charges for anything done under this Act and for all matters which are directed or permitted to be prescribed.

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Act No. VII of 1922.<sup>1</sup>

[5th March, 1922.]

An Act to amend the law relating to emigration.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to emigration; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

## CHAPTER I.

## PRELIMINARY.

Short title  
and extent.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Emigration Act, 1922.
- (2) It extends to the whole of British India.

Definitions.

2. (1) In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “ dependant ” means any woman or child who is related to an emigrant and any aged or incapacitated relative of an emigrant;

(b) “ emigrant ” means any person who emigrates or has emigrated or who has been registered as an emigrant under

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1921, Pt. V, p. 109; and for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1922, Pt. V, p. 17.

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this Act, and includes any dependant of an emigrant, but does not include—

- (i) any person emigrating to a country in which he has resided for not less than five years or the wife or child of such person, or
  - (ii) the wife or child of any person who has lawfully emigrated when such wife or child departs for the purpose of joining such person;
  - (c) “emigrate” and “emigration” mean the departure by sea out of British India of—
    - (i) any person who departs under an agreement to work for hire in any country beyond the limits of India, and
    - (ii) any person who is assisted to depart, otherwise than by a relative, if he departs, for the purpose or with the intention of working for hire or engaging in agriculture in any country beyond the limits of India;
  - <sup>1</sup>[(cc) “emigrant ship” means any ship specially chartered for the conveyance of emigrants, or conveying emigrants exceeding a number to be prescribed:
 

Provided that the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], declare that ships conveying emigrants to any specified port shall not be deemed to be emigrant ships;]
  - (d) “prescribe” means to prescribe by rules made under this Act;
  - (e) “work”, with its grammatical variations, means skilled or unskilled work;
  - (f) “skilled work” means—
    - (i) working as an artisan; or
    - (ii) working as a clerk or shop assistant; or
    - (iii) working for the purpose of any exhibition or entertainment; or
    - (iv) service in any restaurant, tea-house, or other place of public resort; or
    - (v) domestic service; or
    - (vi) any other occupation which the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], declare to be skilled work;
  - (g) “unskilled work” includes engaging in agriculture.
- (2) In case of any doubt or dispute arising otherwise than in the course of any legal proceedings, as to whether—
- (a) any person is an emigrant, or

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Emigration (Amendment) Act, 1927 (27 of 1927), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Gazette of India”.

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- (b) any work is skilled or unskilled, or
- (c) any person has been assisted otherwise than by a relative, within the meaning of this Act, the question shall be determined by such person and in such manner as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may prescribe, and such determination shall be final.

## CHAPTER II.

### PROTECTORS OF EMIGRANTS AND MEDICAL INSPECTORS.

Appoint-  
ment of  
Protectors  
of Emi-  
grants.

3. (1) <sup>2</sup>[The Central Government] may appoint a person to be the Protector of Emigrants for any port situate <sup>3</sup>[in British India] from which emigration is lawful.

(2) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may define the area to which the authority of a Protector of Emigrants so appointed shall extend.

(3) Every Protector of Emigrants shall be a public servant within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code.

General  
duties of  
Protector.

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4. Every Protector of Emigrants, in addition to the special duties assigned to him by or under this Act, shall—

- (a) protect and aid with his advice all emigrants;
- (b) cause, so far as he can, all the provisions of this Act and of the rules made thereunder to be complied with;
- (c) inspect, at the time of arrival, to such extent and in such manner as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may prescribe, vessels bringing return emigrants to the port for which he is Protector;
- (d) inquire into the treatment received by return emigrants both during the period of their residence in the country to which they emigrated, and also during the return voyage, and report thereon to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government];
- (e) aid and advise return emigrants so far as he reasonably can; and
- (f) on being satisfied that any person intending to depart by sea out of British India, comes within one of the classes expressly excluded from the definition of emigrant in section 2, furnish such person with a certificate to the effect that such person is not an emigrant for the purpose of this Act.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Subject to the control of the G. G. in C., the L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "within the territories administered by it".

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5. (1) In any specified area where there is not a Protector of Emigrants, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* may appoint any person to perform all or any of the duties of a Protector of Emigrants under this Act.

(2) Every person so appointed shall be a public servant within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code.

6. (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may appoint one or more Medical Inspectors of Emigrants at any port from which emigration is lawful or at any other place, and, where more than one are appointed, may apportion their respective duties.

(2) Every Medical Inspector of Emigrants shall be a public servant within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code.

7. The <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may, for the purpose of safeguarding the interests of emigrants in any place outside British India, appoint persons to be agents in such places, and may define their powers and duties.

8. The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, for the purpose of assisting any Protector of Emigrants appointed by it or any person appointed by it under section 5, constitute an Advisory Committee in such manner as it may think fit, and may prescribe the procedure to be followed and the functions to be performed by such committee.

### CHAPTER III.

#### EMIGRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNSKILLED WORK.

9. (1) Emigration, for the purpose of unskilled work, shall not be lawful except from the ports of Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, Karachi, Negapatam, Tuticorin and Dhanushkodi, and from such other ports as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], declare to be ports from which such emigration is lawful.

(2) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>5</sup>[Official Gazette], fix for the purposes of this Act the limits of any port from which such emigration is lawful.

10. (1) Emigration, for the purpose of unskilled work, shall not be lawful except to such countries and on such terms and conditions as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government], by notification<sup>6</sup> in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], may specify in this behalf.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> The words "subject to the control of the G. G. in C." rep. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>6</sup> For such notification, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, pp. 8 to 10.

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(2) No notification shall be made under sub-section (1) unless it has been laid in draft before both Chambers of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Legislature] and has been approved by a resolution of each Chamber, either without modification or addition, or with modifications and additions to which both Chambers agree, but, upon such approval being given, the notification may be issued in the form in which it has been so approved.

**Power to suspend emigration of unskilled workers.**

**11.** (1) Where the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] has reason to believe that in any country to which emigration for the purpose of unskilled work is lawful plague or any other epidemic disease dangerous to human life has broken out, and that emigrants if allowed to emigrate to that country would be exposed to serious risk to life on arrival there, <sup>3</sup>[it] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], declare that emigration to that country for the purpose of unskilled work shall cease to be lawful.

<sup>5</sup>[(2) Where the Protector of Emigrants for any port has reason to believe that such a state of affairs as is described in sub-section (1) exists in any country to which emigration for the purpose of unskilled work is lawful, he may, by notification in such manner as he thinks fit, declare that emigration to that country for the purpose of unskilled work from that port shall cease to be lawful pending a reference to the Central Government.]

(3) The <sup>6</sup>[Protector of Emigrants] publishing a notification under sub-section (2) shall forthwith report such notification with the reasons for it to the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government], <sup>7</sup>[which] shall thereupon publish a notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette] confirming or cancelling the notification published by the <sup>6</sup>[Protector of Emigrants].

**Revocation of prohibition.**

**12.** Where the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] is satisfied that the ground on which a notification under sub-section (1) of section 11, or a notification under sub-section (3) of section 11, confirming a notification of a <sup>6</sup>[Protector of Emigrants] has been made with respect to any country has ceased to exist, <sup>3</sup>[it] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], declare that emigration to that country for the purpose of unskilled work shall again be lawful from a date to be specified in the notification.

**Powers of Central Government to prohibit emigration to specified country.**

**13. (1)** The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], prohibit, from a date, and for reasons, to be specified in the notification, all persons or any specified class of persons from emigrating to any specified country from the territories under the

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " Indian Legislature ".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " G. G. in C. "

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " he ".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " Gazette of India ".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original sub-section.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " L. G. "

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " who ".

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administration of any <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] or any specified part thereof, for the purpose of unskilled work.

(2) Every notification issued under this section shall be laid before both Chambers of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Legislature] as soon as may be after it is made.

**14.** A notification under section 10, section 11, section 12 or section 13 Saving. shall not affect any act done, offence committed, or legal proceedings commenced before the date on which such notification takes effect.

#### CHAPTER IV.

##### EMIGRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SKILLED WORK.

**15.** Emigration, for the purpose of skilled work, shall not be lawful except from a port from which emigration for the purpose of unskilled work is lawful and from such other ports as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], specify in this behalf.

**16.** (1) Whoever desires to engage, or to assist, any person to emigrate for the purpose of skilled work shall apply for the permission of <sup>5</sup>[the Central Government], and shall state in his application—

- (a) the number of persons whom he proposes so to engage or assist;
- (b) the place beyond the limits of India to which each such person and his dependants are to proceed;
- (c) the accommodation to be provided for each such person and his dependants until their departure out of India and during the voyage.

(2) Whoever desires to engage any person for the purpose described in sub-section (1) shall, in addition to the information which he is required by that sub-section to supply in his application, further state therein—

- (a) the provision to be made for the health and well-being of such person and his dependants during the period of the proposed engagement and for their repatriation at the end of such period;
- (b) the terms of the agreement under which such person is to be engaged;
- (c) the security in British India which he proposes to furnish for the due observance of such agreement and for the proper treatment of the person to be engaged and his dependants.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Indian Legislature".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the L. G. having jurisdiction at the port from which such person is to depart".

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disposed of.

Appearance  
of engaged  
persons  
before, and  
registration  
of names by,  
Protector of  
Emigrants.

Provisions as  
to security.

Delegation  
to Protector  
of Emi-  
grants of  
authority to  
receive or  
dispose of  
applications.

Power to  
prohibit  
emigration

**17.** On receiving an application under section 16, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, after such inquiry as it may deem necessary, grant the permission applied for on such terms and conditions (if any) and on payment of such fees (if any) as it thinks fit, or withhold such permission, and the decision of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall be final.

**18.** (1) Before any person departs from British India in accordance with permission granted under section 17, the person by whom he has been engaged or assisted shall appear in person or by his duly authorised agent before the Protector of Emigrants at the port of embarkation with such first-mentioned person and with any persons intending to accompany him as his dependants.

(2) If it appears to the Protector of Emigrants—

(a) that permission to engage or assist such person has been duly obtained,

(b) in the case of an engagement, that the terms of the agreement under which such person has been engaged are in accordance with the terms of the permission granted and are understood by him, and

(c) that the conditions on which the permission was granted have been complied with,

he shall register in a book to be kept for the purpose such particulars concerning the person engaged or assisted and his dependants (if any) and concerning the person engaging or assisting him, and in such form, as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may prescribe.

**19.** Where such security as is referred to in sub-section (2) of section 16 has been furnished, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, at any time after making such inquiry as it may deem necessary, pass orders in regard to the forfeiture of the security in whole or in part and the application of the same or any part thereof, and, on the expiry of the period to which the agreement relates and on being satisfied that no ground exists for forfeiting the security in whole or in part, order the return of the security or of any part thereof to the person by whom it was furnished or to his representative.

**20.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], authorise a Protector of Emigrants to receive and dispose of applications made under this Chapter:

Provided that an appeal shall lie to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] from every order passed by a Protector of Emigrants in exercise of the authority so conferred.

**21.** (1) Where the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] has reason to believe that sufficient grounds exist for prohibiting emigration of skilled workers

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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to any country, <sup>1</sup>[it] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], of skilled workers. declare that such emigration to that country shall cease to be lawful from a date specified in the notification; and from that date such emigration to that country shall accordingly cease to be lawful.

(2) Every notification issued under this section shall be laid before both Chambers of the <sup>3</sup>[Central Legislature] as soon as may be after it is made.

**22.** Nothing in this Chapter shall apply in any case in which a <sup>Saving.</sup> person engages another to accompany him out of India as his personal domestic servant.

## CHAPTER V.

### RULES.

**23.** \* \* \* The <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>6</sup>[Official Gazette], make rules consistent with this Act to prescribe the person by whom any doubt or dispute referred to in sub-section (2) of section 2 shall be determined and the procedure to be followed and the proof to be required in such cases, and to provide for any other matter which the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] is by this Act empowered to prescribe.

Power of  
Central  
Government  
to make  
rules.

**24.** (1) The <sup>7</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], and after previous publication, make rules<sup>8</sup> for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

Power for  
the Central  
Government  
to make  
rules.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for—

(a) the powers and duties of the several officers appointed by the <sup>7</sup>[Central Government] under this Act;

<sup>9</sup>(b) the licensing, supervision and control of persons in British India engaged in causing or assisting persons to emigrate and in the conveyance and accommodation of

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Indian Legislature".

<sup>4</sup> The words "Subject to the control of the G. G. in C." rep. by the A. O.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>8</sup> For such rules, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, p. 11.

For fees in respect of emigrants to such countries, see *ibid.*, p. 48.

For the modifications with which the rules apply in Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, the Federated Malay States and Unfederated Malay States, see *ibid.*, p. 45.

<sup>9</sup> Subs. by the Indian Emigration (Amendment) Act, 1932 (16 of 1932), s. 2, for the original clause.

## (Chapter V.—Rules. Chapter VI.—Offences.)

- emigrants, and the prohibition of unlicensed persons from being so engaged;]
- (c) the establishment, supervision and regulation of any places of accommodation provided for emigrants and for their medical care while resident there;
  - (d) the forms to be maintained and the returns to be submitted by persons licensed in accordance with rules framed under clause (b);
  - (e) the information to be furnished by persons licensed in accordance with rules framed under clause (b) to emigrants and the language in which such information is to be furnished;
  - (f) the production and examination of emigrants before District Magistrates or such other authorities as may be appointed in this behalf;
  - (g) the age below which persons of either sex may not emigrate except as dependants;
  - (h) the accommodation, the provisions, fuel and other necessaries, the medical stores and staff, the life-saving and sanitary arrangements, and the records to be maintained on <sup>1</sup>[emigrant ships];
  - (i) the reception and the despatch to their homes of return emigrants;
  - (j) the fees, if any, payable by Emigration Agents to Protectors of Emigrants for each emigrant departing from India; and
  - (k) generally, the security, well-being and protection of emigrants <sup>2</sup>[up to the date of their departure from India, during a voyage on an emigrant ship] and on their return to India.

## CHAPTER VI.

## OFFENCES.

**Unlawful  
emigration  
or induce-  
ment to  
emigrate.**

**25. (1)** Whoever, except in conformity with the provisions of this Act or of the rules made under this Act, emigrates or attempts to emigrate shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

**(2)** Whoever, except in conformity with the provisions of this Act or of the rules made under this Act,—

**(a)** makes, or attempts to make, any agreement with any person purporting to bind that person, or any other person, to emigrate, or

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Emigration (Amendment) Act, 1927 (27 of 1927), s. 3, for “any ship specially chartered for the transport of emigrants”.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 3, *ibid.*, for “both up to the date of their actual departure from India”.

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(b) <sup>1</sup>[causes or assists, or attempts to cause or assist], any person to emigrate or to attempt to emigrate or to leave any place for the purpose of emigrating, or

(c) causes any person engaged or assisted by him, after grant of the permission referred to in section 17, to depart by sea out of British India without registration of the particulars required by sub-section (2) of section 18,

shall be punishable with fine, which may extend to five hundred rupees.

<sup>2</sup>[(3) When in the course of any proceedings in connection with emigration in which a person licensed in accordance with rules framed under clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 24 is concerned, a breach of the provisions of this Act or of the rules made under this Act is committed, such person shall be liable to the punishment provided by sub-section (2), unless he shows that he was not responsible for and could not have prevented the commission of the breach.]

<sup>3</sup>[(4)] If any person commits an offence under this section, any police-officer may arrest him without warrant.

**26.** Whoever, by means of intoxication, coercion or fraud, causes or induces, or attempts to cause or induce, any person to emigrate, or enter into any agreement to emigrate, or leave any place with a view to emigrating, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.

**27.** Whoever falsely represents that any emigrants are required by the Government or are to be engaged on behalf of the Government shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.

**28.** No prosecution shall be instituted for any offence under this Chapter except with the sanction of a Protector of Emigrants or of a person appointed under section 5 and empowered in this behalf, or, where there is no Protector or person so appointed and empowered, of the District Magistrate:

Provided that no sanction shall be required when an offence has been committed in respect of an emigrant or an intended emigrant and the complaint is filed by such emigrant, or intended emigrant or, on behalf of such emigrant or intended emigrant, by the father, mother, husband, wife or guardian of such emigrant or intended emigrant or, if such emigrant or intended emigrant is a member of a joint Hindu family, by the manager of that family.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Emigration (Amendment) Act, 1932 (16 of 1932), s. 3, for "induces, or attempts to induce".

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by s. 3, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> The original sub-section (3) was renumbered as sub-section (4) by s. 3, *ibid.*

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Power for  
Customs-  
officer to  
search and  
detain  
for purposes  
of Act.

**29.** All the powers for the time being conferred by law on officers of sea-customs with regard to the searching and detention of vessels or otherwise for the prevention of smuggling on board thereof, may be exercised by those officers for the prevention of offences against this Act.

## CHAPTER VII.

### SUPPLEMENTAL.

Prohibition  
of departure  
by land  
under an  
agreement to  
work for  
hire in some  
country  
beyond the  
sea.

**30.** (1) The departure by land out of British India of any person under, or with a view to entering into, an agreement to work for hire, or when assisted, otherwise than by a relative, so to depart for the purpose or with the intention of working for hire or engaging in agriculture, in any country beyond the sea, is prohibited.

(2) Whoever departs, or attempts to depart, by land out of British India in contravention of this section, shall be deemed to have committed an offence under sub-section (1) of section 25.

(3) Whoever <sup>1</sup>[causes or assists, or attempts to cause or assist], any person to depart by land out of British India in contravention of this section shall be deemed to have committed an offence under sub-section (2) of section 25.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### SAVINGS AND REPEAL.

Application  
of Act.

**31.** Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to apply to the departure out of British India of—

(i) any person who is neither of Indian parentage nor a subject of a State in India, or

(ii) any person enrolled under the Indian Army Act, 1911.

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1911.

Saving.

**32.** Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the provisions of this Act shall not apply for a period of twelve months from the date of the commencement of this Act to persons emigrating to Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, or any protected Native State adjoining the Straits Settlements.

**33.** [Repeal.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Emigration (Amendment) Act, 1932 (16 of 1932), s. 4, for "induces, or attempts to induce".

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ACT NO. VIII OF 1922.<sup>1</sup>

[5th March, 1922.]

An Act to establish and incorporate a unitary teaching and residential University at Delhi.

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish and incorporate a unitary teaching and residential University at Delhi; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Delhi University Act, 1922.

Short title  
and com-  
mencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such <sup>2</sup>date as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Govern-  
ment] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], direct.

2. In this Act and in the Statutes, unless there is anything repug- Definitions.  
nant in the subject or context,—

(a) "College" means an institution maintained or recognized by the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act, in which instruction is provided under conditions prescribed in the Statutes, and in which provision is made for residence of students of the University;

(b) "Hall" means a unit of residence for students of the University maintained or recognized by the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

(c) "Patron of the University" means a person who has made a donation of not less than one lakh of rupees to the funds of the University, and has been declared by the Chancellor to be a Patron of the University;

(d) "Principal" means the head of a College;

(e) "registered graduate" means a graduate registered under the provisions of this Act;

(f) "Statutes", "Ordinances" and "Regulations" mean, respectively, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University made under this Act;

(g) "teachers" includes Professors, Readers, Lecturers and other persons imparting instruction in the University or in any College or Hall;

(h) "teachers of the University" means persons appointed or recognized by the University under the provisions of this Act for the purpose of imparting instruction in the University or any College;

(i) "University" means the University of Delhi; and

(j) "Warden" means the head of a Hall.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 12; and for Report of Joint Committee, see *ibid.*, 1922, Pt. V, p. 89.

<sup>2</sup> The 1st May, 1922, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, p. 49.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

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The Univer-  
sity.

**3.** (1) The first Chancellor and the first Vice-Chancellor of the University and the first members of the Court, the Executive Council and the Academic Council and all persons who may hereafter become such officers or members, so long as they continue to hold such office or membership, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of "the University of Delhi".

(2) The University shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, and shall sue and be sued by the said name.

**4.** The University shall have the following powers, namely:—

- (1) to provide for instruction in such branches of learning as the University may think fit, and to make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge,
- (2) to hold examinations and to grant to, and confer degrees and other academic distinctions on, persons who—
  - (a) have pursued a course of study in the University, or
  - (b) are teachers in educational institutions,  
under conditions laid down in the Ordinances and Regulations, and have passed the examinations of the University under like conditions,
- (3) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved persons in the manner laid down in the Statutes,
- (4) to grant such diplomas to, and to provide such lectures and instruction for, persons not being members of the University, as the University may determine,
- (5) to co-operate with other Universities and authorities in such manner and for such purposes as the University may determine,
- (6) to institute Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships and any other teaching posts required by the University,
- (7) to appoint or recognize persons as Professors, Readers or Lecturers, or otherwise as teachers of the University,
- (8) to institute and award Fellowships, Scholarships, Exhibitions and Prizes in accordance with the Statutes and the Regulations,
- (9) to maintain Colleges and Halls, to recognize Colleges and Halls not maintained by the University, and to withdraw such recognition,
- (10) to demand and receive payment of such fees and other charges as may be authorised by the Ordinances,
- (11) to supervise and control the residence and discipline of students of the University, and to make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare,

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sity.

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(12) to make grants from the funds of the University for the maintenance of the University corps of the Indian Territorial Force, and

(13) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the University as a teaching and examining body, and to cultivate and promote arts, science and other branches of learning.

5. (1) Save as otherwise provided in this Act, the powers of the University conferred by or under this Act shall not extend beyond a radius of 10 miles from the Convocation Hall of the University, and, notwithstanding anything in any other law for the time being in force, no educational institution beyond that limit shall be associated with or admitted to any privileges of the University:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall apply to any agricultural or other technical institution established or maintained in connection with the University with the sanction of the <sup>exercise of powers.</sup> [Central Government].

(2) Notwithstanding anything in any other law for the time being in force, no educational institution within the afore-mentioned limit shall be associated in any way with or be admitted to any privileges of any other University incorporated by law in British India, and any such privileges granted by any such other University to any educational institution within that limit prior to the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be withdrawn on the commencement of this Act:

<sup>2</sup>Provided that the [Central Government] may, by order in writing, direct that the provisions of this sub-section shall not apply in the case of any institution specified in the order.

6. The University shall be open to all persons of either sex and of whatever race, creed or class, and it shall not be lawful for the University to adopt or impose on any person any test whatsoever of religious belief or profession in order to entitle him to be admitted thereto as a teacher or student, or to hold any office therein, or to graduate thereat, or to enjoy or exercise any privilege thereof, except where such test is specially prescribed by the Statutes, or, in respect of any particular benefaction accepted by the University, where such test is made a condition thereof by any testamentary or other instrument creating such benefaction:

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> For notification directing that the provisions of this sub-section shall not apply to the Lady Hardinge Medical College for Women at Delhi, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. I, p. 491, to the Dayanand National High School, Delhi, see *ibid.*, 1923, Pt. I, p. 498, and to certain High Schools, see *ibid.*, 1923, Pt. I, p. 259.

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Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent religious instruction being given in the manner prescribed by the Ordinances to those not unwilling to receive it by persons (whether teachers of the University or not) approved for that purpose by the Executive Council.

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the Univer-  
sity.

7. (1) All recognized teaching in connection with the University courses shall be conducted under the control of the Academic Council by teachers of the University, and shall include lecturing, laboratory work and other teaching conducted in accordance with any syllabus prescribed by the Regulations.

(2) Every teacher of the University shall be attached to a College, and at least one such teacher shall be attached to each College.

(3) The authorities responsible for organizing such teaching shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

(4) The courses and curricula shall be prescribed by the Ordinances and, subject thereto, by the Regulations.

(5) Save as otherwise expressly provided by this Act, it shall not be lawful for the University or any College to maintain classes, after the expiration of five years from the commencement of this Act, for the purpose of preparing students for admission to the University save with the sanction of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] and during such period as <sup>2</sup>[it] may direct, or at any time to frame courses, conduct examinations or recognise institutions for the purpose of preparing or testing students for admission to the University save with such sanction and during such period.

## Officers of the University.

Officers of  
the Univer-  
sity, the  
University.

8. The following shall be the officers of the University:—

- (I) the Chancellor,
- (II) the Pro-Chancellor,
- (III) the Vice-Chancellor,
- (IV) the Rector,
- (V) the Treasurer,
- (VI) the Registrar,

(VII) the Deans of the Faculties, and

(VIII) such other persons in the service of the University as may be declared by the Statutes to be officers of the University.

The  
Chancellor.

9. (1) The Chancellor shall be the Governor General. He shall by virtue of his office be the head of the University and the President of the Court, and shall, when present, preside at meetings of the Court and at any Convocation of the University.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

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(2) The Chancellor shall have the right to cause an inspection to be made, by such person or persons as he may direct, of the University, its buildings, laboratories, equipment, and of any institutions associated with the University, and also of the examinations, teaching and other work conducted or done by the University, and to cause an inquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter connected with the University. The Chancellor shall in every case give notice to the University of his intention to cause an inspection or inquiry to be made, and the University shall be entitled to be represented thereat.

(3) The Chancellor may address the Vice-Chancellor with reference to the results of such inspection or inquiry, and the Vice-Chancellor shall communicate to the Executive Council the views of the Chancellor and shall, after ascertaining, if he so thinks fit, the opinion of the Executive Council thereon, advise the University upon the action to be taken thereon.

(4) The Executive Council shall report to the Vice-Chancellor for communication to the Chancellor such action, if any, as it is proposed to take or has been taken upon the results of such inspection or inquiry.

(5) The Chancellor shall have such other powers as may be conferred on him by this Act or the Statutes.

(6) Every proposal for the conferment of an honorary degree shall be subject to the confirmation of the Chancellor.

**10.** The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor and <sup>The Pro-Chancellor.</sup> shall hold office for three years. He shall when present, in the absence of the Chancellor, preside at meetings of the Court and at any Convocation of the University.

**11.** (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor <sup>The Vice-Chancellor.</sup> after consideration of the recommendations of the Executive Council, and shall hold office for such term and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(2) Where any temporary vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor occurs by reason of leave, illness or other cause, the Executive Council shall forthwith report the same to the Chancellor, who shall make such arrangements for carrying on the office of the Vice-Chancellor as he may think fit.

**12.** (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the principal executive and <sup>Powers and duties of the</sup> academic officer of the University, and shall, in the absence of the <sup>Vice-Chancellor.</sup> Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor, preside at meetings of the Court and <sup>at any Convocation of the University.</sup> He shall be an *ex-officio* member and Chairman of the Executive Council and of the Academic Council and shall be entitled to be present and to speak at any meeting of any authority or other body of the University, but shall not be entitled to vote thereat unless he is a member of the authority or body concerned.

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(2) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to see that this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances are faithfully observed, and he shall have all powers necessary for this purpose.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall have power to convene meetings of the Court, the Executive Council and the Academic Council.

(4) (a) In any emergency which, in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor, requires that immediate action should be taken, the Vice-Chancellor shall take such action as he deems necessary, and shall, at the earliest opportunity thereafter, report his action to the officer, authority or other body who or which in the ordinary course would have dealt with the matter.

(b) When action taken by the Vice-Chancellor under clause (a) affects any person in the service of the University, such person shall be entitled to prefer an appeal to the Executive Council through the said officer, authority or other body within fifteen days from the date on which such action is communicated to him.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor shall give effect to any order of the Executive Council regarding the appointment, dismissal or suspension of an officer or teacher of the University, or regarding the recognition or withdrawal of the recognition of any such teacher, and shall exercise general control in the University. He shall be responsible for the discipline of the University in accordance with this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances.

(6) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.

**The Rector.**

**13.** The Chancellor may appoint a Rector who shall hold office for such term and subject to such conditions, and shall exercise such powers, and perform such duties, of the Vice-Chancellor, as the Chancellor, after consultation with the Vice-Chancellor, may direct.

**The Treasurer.**

**14.** The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Chancellor after consideration of the recommendations of the Executive Council, upon such conditions and for such period, and shall receive such remuneration (if any), as the Executive Council shall deem fit. He shall be an *ex-officio*-member of the Executive Council and shall—

(1) exercise general supervision over the funds of the University, and advise in regard to its financial policy;

(2) subject to the control of the Executive Council, manage the property and investments of the University, and be responsible for the presentation of the annual estimates and statements of accounts;

(3) subject to the powers of the Executive Council, be responsible for seeing that all monies are expended on the purpose for which they are granted or allotted:

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- (4) sign all contracts made on behalf of the University; and
- (5) exercise such other powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances:

Provided that the Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Executive Council, in the case of any vacancy in the office of the Treasurer, whether permanent or otherwise, direct that the Registrar shall act as the Treasurer and perform all the duties and exercise all the powers of the Treasurer, and when any such direction has been made references to the Treasurer in this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations shall be deemed to be references to the Registrar.

**15.** The Registrar shall act as Secretary of the Court, the Executive Council and the Academic Council. He shall maintain a register of registered graduates in accordance with the Statutes, and shall exercise such other powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.

**16.** The powers of officers of the University other than the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Rector, the Treasurer and the Registrar shall be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.

#### *Authorities of the University.*

**17.** The following shall be the authorities of the University:—

- (I) the Court,
- (II) the Executive Council,
- (III) the Academic Council,
- (IV) the Faculties, and
- (V) such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be authorities of the University.

Authorities  
of the  
University.

**18. (I)** The Court shall consist of the following persons, namely:— The Court.

#### *Class I.—Ex-officio members.*

- (i) The Chancellor,
- (ii) the Pro-Chancellor,
- (iii) the Vice-Chancellor,
- (iv) the Rector,
- (v) the Treasurer,
- (vi) the Registrar,
- (vii) the Principals,
- (viii) the Professors and Readers of the University, and
- (ix) such other *ex-officio* members as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

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*Class II.—Life members.*

- (x) The Patrons of the University and persons (if any) appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Executive Council to be life members on the ground that they have rendered great services to education or have made substantial donations to the University.

*Class III.—Other members.*

- (xi) Graduates of the University elected by the registered graduates from among their own body,
  - (xii) persons elected from among their own body by the teachers who are not Professors or Readers of the University,
  - (xiii) persons elected by associations or other bodies approved in this behalf by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Court,
  - (xiv) persons elected by the elected members of <sup>1</sup>[the Chambers of the Central Legislature] from among their own numbers,
  - (xv) persons appointed by the Chancellor, and
  - (xvi) a representative of the Governing Body of each College, elected or nominated by that Body.
- (2) The number of members to be elected or appointed under clauses (xi), (xii), (xiii), (xiv) and (xv), and the tenure of office of members to be elected or appointed under each clause of Class III, shall be prescribed by the Statutes, and the mode of election of members to be elected under clauses (xi) and (xii) shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

Meetings of  
the Court.

**19.** (1) The Court shall, on a date to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor, meet once a year at a meeting to be called the annual meeting of the Court.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor may, whenever he thinks fit, and shall upon a requisition in writing signed by not less than thirty members of the Court, convene a special meeting of the Court.

Powers and  
duties of the  
Court.

**20.** Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Court shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties, namely:—

- (a) of making Statutes, and of amending or repealing the same,
- (b) of considering and cancelling Ordinances, and
- (c) of considering and passing resolutions on the annual report,

the annual accounts and the financial estimates,  
and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by this Act or the Statutes.

The Execu-  
tive Council.

**21.** The Executive Council shall be the executive body of the University, and its constitution and the terms of office of its members, other than *ex-officio* members, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the Council of State and the Legislative Assembly".

(Authorities of the University.)

**22. The Executive Council—**

- (a) shall hold, control and administer the property and funds of the University, and for these purposes shall appoint a Finance Committee to advise it on matters of finance. The Treasurer shall be the Chairman of the Committee, and the remaining members shall be appointed from among the members of the Executive Council, provided that at least one member of the Committee shall be a member elected to the Executive Council by the Court;
- (b) shall determine the form, provide for the custody and regulate the use of the Common Seal of the University;
- (c) shall lay before the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] annually a full statement of the financial requirements of the University and the Colleges;
- (d) shall administer any funds placed at the disposal of the University for specific purposes;
- (e) subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, shall appoint the officers (other than the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Rector and the Treasurer), teachers, clerical staff and servants of the University, and shall define their duties and the conditions of their service, and shall provide for the filling of temporary vacancies in their posts;
- (f) shall have power to accept on behalf of the University transfers of any moveable or immoveable property;
- (g) shall arrange for the holding of, and publish the results of, the University examinations;
- (h) shall, subject to the powers conferred by this Act on the Vice-Chancellor, regulate and determine all matters concerning the University in accordance with this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances:
- Provided that no action shall be taken by the Executive Council in respect of the appointment or emoluments of examiners, or the number, qualifications or emoluments of teachers otherwise than on a recommendation of the Academic Council; and
- (i) shall exercise all other powers of the University, not otherwise provided for by this Act or the Statutes.

**23. The Academic Council shall be the academic body of the University, and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances, have the control and general regulation, and be responsible for the maintenance, of standards of instruction, education and examination within the University, and shall exercise such other powers and**<sup>1</sup>The Academic Council.<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the Statutes. It shall have the right to advise the Executive Council on all academic matters. The constitution of the Academic Council and the term of office of its members, other than *ex-officio* members, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

## The Faculties.

**24.** (1) Provision shall be made, as soon as possible after the commencement of this Act, for the inclusion in the University of the Faculties of Arts, Science, Medicine, Commerce, Technology and Indian Fine Arts (including Music), and such other Faculties shall be included in the University (whether by the sub-division or combination of an existing Faculty or Faculties, or by the creation of a new Faculty or otherwise) as may be prescribed by the Statutes. Each Faculty shall, subject to the control of the Academic Council, have charge of the teaching and the courses of study and the research work in such subjects as may be assigned to such Faculty by the Ordinances.

(2) The constitution and powers of the Faculties shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

(3) There shall be a Dean of each Faculty, who shall be responsible for the due observance of the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations relating to the Faculty.

(4) Each Faculty shall comprise such Departments of teaching as may be prescribed by the Ordinances. The head of every such Department shall be the Professor of the Department or, if there is no Professor, the Reader. If there is more than one Professor or more than one Reader of a Department, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint to be head of the Department such one of the Professors or, if there is no Professor, such one of the Readers as he thinks fit. The head of the Department shall be responsible to the Dean for the organization of the teaching in that Department.

(5) The Dean of a Faculty shall be elected by the Faculty from among the heads of Departments of the Faculty, and shall hold office as Dean for such term as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

**25.** The constitution, powers and duties of such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be authorities of the University shall be provided for in the manner prescribed by the Statutes.

## Other authorities of the University.

*University Boards.*

## University Boards.

**26.** The University shall include a Residence, Health and Discipline Board and such other Boards as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

## Constitution, etc., of Boards to be prescribed by Ordinances.

**27.** The constitution, powers and duties of the Residence, Health and Discipline Board and of all other Boards of the University shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(*Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations.*)

*Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations.*

**28.** Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes may provide Statutes for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) the conferment of honorary degrees;
- (b) the institution of Fellowships, Scholarships, Exhibitions and Prizes;
- (c) the term of office and conditions of service of the Vice-Chancellor;
- (d) the designations and powers of the officers of the University;
- (e) the constitution, powers and duties of the authorities of the University;
- (f) the institution of Colleges and Halls and their maintenance;
- (g) the recognition and management of Colleges and Halls not maintained by the University, and the withdrawal of such recognition;
- (h) the mode of appointment and recognition of teachers of the University;
- (i) the constitution of pension, insurance and provident funds for the benefit of the officers, teachers, clerical staff and servants of the University;
- (j) the maintenance of a register of registered graduates; and
- (k) all matters which by this Act are to be or may be prescribed by the Statutes.

**29.** (1) The first Statutes shall be those set out in the Schedule.

Statutes how made.

(2) The Statutes may be amended, repealed or added to by Statutes made by the Court in the manner hereinafter appearing.

(3) The Executive Council may propose to the Court the draft of any Statute to be passed by the Court. Such draft shall be considered by the Court at its next meeting. The Court may pass the Statute, or a part of it, in the form in which it has been proposed, or may reject the Statute or part of it, or may return the Statute to the Executive Council for reconsideration, either in whole or in part, together with any amendments which the Court may suggest.

(4) Where any Statute or part of a Statute has been returned to the Executive Council for reconsideration and there is disagreement between the Court and the Executive Council in relation thereto, the matter shall be referred for decision to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], whose decision shall be final.

(5) Where any Statute has been passed or a draft of a Statute or part thereof has been rejected by the Court, it shall be submitted to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] <sup>2</sup>[which] may refer the Statute or draft back

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "who".

(*Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations.*)

to the Court for further consideration or, in the case of a Statute passed by the Court, assent thereto or withhold <sup>1</sup>[its] assent. A Statute passed by the Court shall have no validity until it has been assented to by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government].

(6) The Executive Council shall not propose the draft of any Statute affecting the status, powers or constitution of any authority of the University until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion upon the proposal. Any opinion so expressed shall be in writing and shall be considered by the Court, and shall be submitted to the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government].

(7) Any member of the Court may propose to the Court the draft of any Statute and the Court may refer such draft for consideration to the Executive Council, which may either reject the proposal or submit the draft to the Court in such form as the Executive Council may approve, and the provisions of this section shall apply in the case of any draft so submitted as they apply in the case of a draft proposed to the Court by the Executive Council.

**Ordinances.**

30. Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Ordinances may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) the admission of students to the University and their enrolment as such;
- (b) the courses of study to be laid down for all degrees and diplomas of the University;
- (c) the conditions under which students shall be admitted to the degree or diploma courses and to the examinations of the University and shall be eligible for degrees and diplomas;
- (d) the conditions of residence of the students of the University;
- (e) the emoluments and conditions of service of teachers of the University;
- (f) the fees to be charged for courses of study in the University and for admission to the examinations, degrees, and diplomas of the University;
- (g) the giving of religious instruction;
- (h) the formation of Departments of teaching in the Faculties;
- (i) the constitution, powers and duties of the Boards of the University;
- (j) the conduct of examinations; and
- (k) all matters which by this Act or the Statutes are to be or may be provided for by the Ordinances.

**Ordinances  
how made.**

31. (1) Save as otherwise provided in this section, Ordinances shall be made by the Executive Council:

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "his".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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Provided that—

- (i) no Ordinance shall be made affecting the conditions of residence of students, except after consultation with the Residence, Health and Discipline Board, and
- (ii) no Ordinance shall be made—
  - (a) affecting the admission or enrolment of students, or prescribing examinations to be recognized as equivalent to the University examinations or prescribing the further qualifications mentioned in sub-section (2) of section 36 for admission to the degree courses of the University, or
  - (b) affecting the conditions, mode of appointment or duties of examiners or the conduct or standard of examinations or any course of study,

unless a draft of such Ordinance has been proposed by the Academic Council.

(2) The Executive Council shall not have power to amend any draft proposed by the Academic Council under the provisions of sub-section (1), but may reject it or return it to the Academic Council for reconsideration, either in whole or in part, together with any amendments which the Executive Council may suggest.

(3) All Ordinances made by the Executive Council shall be submitted, as soon as may be, to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] and the Court, and shall be considered by the Court at its next meeting. The Court shall have power, by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members voting, to cancel any Ordinance made by the Executive Council, and such Ordinance shall, from the date of such resolution, be void.

(4) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, at any time after any Ordinance has been considered by the Court, signify to the Executive Council <sup>2</sup>[its] disallowance of such Ordinance, and, from the date of receipt by the Executive Council of intimation of such disallowance, such Ordinance shall become void.

(5) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may direct that the operation of any Ordinance shall be suspended until <sup>3</sup>[it] has had an opportunity of exercising <sup>2</sup>[its] power of disallowance. An order of suspension under this sub-section shall cease to have effect on the expiration of one month from the date of such order, or on the expiration of fifteen days from the date of consideration of the Ordinance by the Court, whichever period expires later.

(6) Where the Executive Council has rejected the draft of an Ordinance proposed by the Academic Council, the Academic Council may

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "his".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

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appeal to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] <sup>2</sup>[which] may, if <sup>3</sup>[it] approves the draft, make the Ordinance. An Ordinance made under this sub-section shall cease to have effect on the expiration of six months from the making thereof.

Regulations.

**32.** (1) The authorities and the Boards of the University may make Regulations consistent with this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances—

- (a) laying down the procedure to be observed at their meetings and the number of members required to form a quorum;
- (b) providing for all matters which by this Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances are to be prescribed by Regulations; and
- (c) providing for all other matters solely concerning such authorities and Boards and not provided for by this Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances.

(2) Every authority of the University shall make Regulations providing for the giving of notice to the members of such authority of the dates of meetings and of the business to be considered at meetings, and for the keeping of a record of the proceedings of meetings.

(3) The Executive Council may direct the amendment, in such manner as it may specify, of any Regulation made under this section or the annulment of any Regulation made under sub-section (1):

Provided that any authority or Board of the University which is dissatisfied with any such direction may appeal to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], whose decision in the matter shall be final.

*Residence.*

Residence.

**33.** Every student of the University shall reside in a College or a Hall, or under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.

Colleges.

**34.** (1) The Colleges shall be such as may be named in the Statutes.

(2) The conditions of residence in the Colleges shall be prescribed by the Ordinances, and every College shall be subject to inspection by any member of the Residence, Health and Discipline Board authorized in this behalf by the Board and by any officer of the University authorized in this behalf by the Executive Council.

Halls.

**35.** (1) The Halls shall be such as may be maintained by the University or approved and recognized by the Executive Council on such general or special conditions as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(2) The Wardens and superintending staff of the Halls shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by the Statutes.

(3) The conditions of residence in the Halls shall be prescribed by the Ordinances, and every Hall shall be subject to inspection by any

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "who".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

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member of the Residence, Health and Discipline Board authorized in this behalf by the Board and by any officer of the University or other person authorized in this behalf by the Executive Council.

(4) The Executive Council shall have power to suspend or withdraw the recognition of any Hall which is not conducted in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the Ordinances.

*Admission and Examinations.*

**36.** (1) Admission of students to the University shall be made by an admission committee (including at least one Principal) appointed for that purpose by the Academic Council.

(2) Students shall not be eligible for admission to a course of study for a degree unless they have passed the Intermediate Examination of an Indian University incorporated by any law for the time being in force, or an examination recognized in accordance with the provisions of this section as equivalent thereto, and possess such further qualifications as may be prescribed by the Ordinances. Any such qualification may be tested by examination notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (5) of section 7:

Provided that, during a period of five years from the commencement of this Act and such further period as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may direct, any student who has passed a Matriculation Examination of any such University, or any examination recognised in accordance with the provisions of this section as equivalent thereto, may be deemed eligible for admission to the University.

(3) The conditions under which students may be admitted to the diploma courses of the University shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(4) The University shall not, save with the previous sanction of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], recognize (for the purposes of admission to a course of study for a degree), as equivalent to its own degrees, any degree conferred by any other University, or, as equivalent to the Intermediate or Matriculation Examination of an Indian University, any examination conducted by any other authority.

**37.** (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Statutes, all arrangements for the conduct of examinations shall be made by the Academic Council in such manner as may be prescribed by this Act and the Ordinances.

(2) If, during the course of an examination, any examiner is for any cause incapable of acting as such, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint an examiner to fill the vacancy, and shall report the appointment to the Executive Council.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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Supplementary Provisions.)*

(3) At least one examiner who is not a member of the University shall be appointed for each subject included in a Department of teaching and forming part of the course which is required for a University degree.

(4) The Academic Council shall appoint examination committees, consisting of members of its own body or of other persons or of both, as it thinks fit, to moderate examination questions, to moderate and prepare the results of the examinations and to report such results to the Executive Council for publication.

*Annual Report and Accounts.*

**Annual report.**

**38.** The annual report of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Executive Council, and shall be submitted to the Court on or before such date as may be prescribed by the Statutes, and shall be considered by the Court at its annual meeting. The Court may pass resolutions thereon and communicate the same to the Executive Council.

**Annual accounts.**

**39. (1)** The annual accounts and balance-sheet of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Executive Council, and shall be submitted to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] for the purposes of audit.

(2) The accounts when audited shall be published by the Executive Council in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], and copies thereof shall, together with copies of the audit report, if any, be submitted to the Court and to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government]. The Executive Council shall also submit to the Court, on or before such date as may be prescribed by the Statutes, a statement of the financial estimates for the ensuing year.

(3) The annual accounts and the financial estimates shall be considered by the Court at its annual meeting, and the Court may pass resolutions thereon and communicate the same to the Executive Council.

*Supplementary Provisions.*

**Removal of names of registered graduates.**

**40.** The Chancellor shall, with the concurrence of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Court for the time being in India, have power to remove the name of any person from the register of registered graduates.

**Disputes as to constitution of University authorities and bodies. Constitution of committees.**

**41.** If any question arises whether any person has been duly elected or appointed as, or is entitled to be, a member of any authority or other body of the University, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor, whose decision thereon shall be final.

**42.** Where any authority of the University is given power by this Act or the Statutes to appoint committees, such committees shall, save as otherwise provided, consist of members of the authority concerned and of such other persons (if any) as the authority in each case may think fit.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

(*Supplementary Provisions. Transitory Provisions.*)

**43.** All casual vacancies among the members (other than *ex-officio* members) of any authority or other body of the University shall be filled, as soon as conveniently may be, by the person or body who appointed, elected or co-opted the member whose place has become vacant, and the person appointed, elected or co-opted to a casual vacancy shall be a member of such authority or body for the residue of the term for which the person whose place he fills would have been a member.

**44.** No act or proceeding of any authority or other body of the University shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or vacancies among its members.

**45.** Any dispute arising out of a contract between the University and any officer or teacher of the University shall, on the request of the officer or teacher concerned, be referred to a Tribunal of Arbitration consisting of one member appointed by the Executive Council, one member nominated by the officer or teacher concerned, and an umpire appointed by the Chancellor. The decision of the Tribunal shall be final, and no suit shall lie in any Civil Court in respect of the matters decided by the Tribunal. Every such request shall be deemed to be a submission to arbitration upon the terms of this section, within the meaning of the Indian Arbitration Act, 1899, and all the provisions of that Act, with the exception of section 2 thereof, shall apply accordingly.

IX of 1899.

**46.** (1) The University shall constitute, for the benefit of its officers, teachers, clerical staff and servants, in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes, such pension, insurance and provident funds as it may deem fit.

IX of 1897.

(2) Where any such pension, insurance or provident fund has been so constituted, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may declare that the provisions of the <sup>2</sup>Provident Funds Act, 1897, shall apply to such fund as if it were a Government Provident Fund.

#### *Transitory Provisions.*

**47.** If any difficulty arises with respect to the establishment of the University or in connection with the first meeting of any authority of the University or otherwise in first giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, at any time before all the authorities of the University have been constituted, by order make any appointment or do any thing, consistent so far as may be with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, which appears to <sup>3</sup>[it] necessary or expedient for the purpose of removing the difficulty, and every such order shall

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> See now the Provident Funds Act, 1925 (19 of 1925).

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "him".

## (Transitory Provisions. The Schedule.)

have effect as if such appointment or action had been made or taken in the manner provided in this Act:

Provided that, before making any such order, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall ascertain and consider the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor, if a Vice-Chancellor has been appointed, and of such of the authorities of the University as have been constituted, on the proposed order.

Completion  
of courses  
for students  
at Delhi  
Colleges.

**48.** Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the Ordinances, any student of any of the following Colleges at Delhi, namely, the St. Stephen's College, the Hindu College and the Ramjas College, who, immediately prior to the commencement of this Act, was studying for any examination of the University of the Punjab higher than the Intermediate Examination, shall be permitted to complete his course in preparation therefor, and the University shall provide for such students instruction and examinations in accordance with the Prospectus of Studies of the University of the Punjab.

## THE SCHEDULE.

[See section 29 (1).]

## THE FIRST STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

## Definitions.

**1.** In these Statutes, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) "the Act" means the Delhi University Act, 1922, and "section" means a section of the Act; and
- (b) "officers", "authorities", "Professors", "Readers", "Lecturers", "clerical staff" and "servants" mean, respectively, officers, authorities, Professors, Readers, Lecturers, clerical staff and servants of the University.

Constitution  
of the Court.

**2. (1)** In addition to the officers mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 18, the following persons shall be *ex-officio* members of the Court, namely:—

- (i) the Chief Commissioner of Delhi;
- (ii) the Director-General, Indian Medical Service;
- (iii) the Educational Commissioner with the Government of India;
- (iv) the Director of Public Instruction in the Punjab;
- (v) the Superintendent of Education, Delhi and Ajmer-Merwara;
- (vi) the Chairman of the Punjab Chamber of Commerce;
- (vii) the Chairman of the Delhi Municipality;
- (viii) the Chairman of the Delhi District Board;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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- (ix) the Senior Officer serving in the Public Works Department under the Chief Commissioner of Delhi;
- (x) the Senior Medical Officer, Delhi;
- (xi) the Principals of the Intermediate Colleges in Delhi which prepare candidates for admission to the University;
- (xii) the Wardens.

(2) The number of graduates to be elected as members of the Court by the registered graduates from among their own body shall be twenty-five.

(3) The number of teachers to be elected as members of the Court by the teachers other than Professors and Readers shall be ten.

(4) The number of persons to be elected as members of the Court by associations or other bodies approved in this behalf by the Chancellor shall not exceed eight.

(5) The number of persons to be elected by the elected Members of the Council of State and the Legislative Assembly from among their own numbers shall be two and four, respectively.

(6) The number of persons to be appointed by the Chancellor under clause (xv) of sub-section (1) of section 18 shall be fifteen.

(7) Save as otherwise provided, members of the Court other than *ex-officio* members shall hold office for a period of three years:

Provided that members elected under clause (xii) of sub-section (1) of section 18 shall hold office so long only within the said period as they continue to be teachers.

**3. (1)** The members of the Executive Council, in addition to the Vice-Chancellor, the Rector and the Treasurer, shall be—

Constitution  
of the  
Executive  
Council.

*Class I.—Ex-officio members.*

- (i) The Superintendent of Education, Delhi and Ajmer-Merwara;
- (ii) the Deans of the Faculties;
- (iii) the Principals.

*Class II.—Other members.*

- (iv) Five members of the Court elected by the Court at its annual meeting, of whom at least two shall be graduates of the University elected by the registered graduates from among their own number;
- (v) two members of the Academic Council elected by the Academic Council; and
- (vi) two persons nominated by the Chancellor.

(2) Members other than *ex-officio* members shall hold office for a period of three years:

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Provided that members elected by any body of persons from among their own number shall hold office so long only within the said period as they continue to be members of the body which elected them.

**Powers of  
the Execu-  
tive Council.**

4. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Executive Council shall have the following powers, namely:—

- (a) to institute, at its discretion, such Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships, or other teaching posts as may be proposed by the Academic Council;
  - (b) to abolish or suspend, after report from the Academic Council thereon, any Professorship, Readership, Lectureship, or other teaching post;
  - (c) to appoint or recognize teachers of the University and to appoint officers, clerical staff and servants, in accordance with the Statutes;
  - (d) to appoint all examiners after considering the recommendations of the Academic Council;
  - (e) to delegate, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by Regulations made by the Executive Council, its power to appoint and recognize teachers of the University and to appoint officers, clerical staff and servants to such person or authority as the Executive Council may determine;
  - (f) to manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property and all administrative affairs whatsoever of the University, and, for that purpose, to appoint such agents as it may think fit;
  - (g) to accept bequests, donations and transfers of property to the University:
- Provided that all such bequests, donations and transfers shall be reported to the Court at its next meeting;
- (h) to provide the buildings, premises, furniture, apparatus, equipment and other means needed for carrying on the work of the University;
  - (i) after report from the Finance Committee, to enter into, vary, carry out, confirm and cancel contracts on behalf of the University; and
  - (j) to invest any monies belonging to the University, including any unapplied income, in any of the securities described in section 20 of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, or in the purchase of immovable property in India, with the like power of varying such investments; or to place on fixed deposit in any bank approved in this behalf by the Governor General in Council any portion of such monies not required for immediate expenditure.

II of 1882.

## (The Schedule.)

5. (1) The members of the Academic Council, in addition to the Vice-Chancellor and the Rector, shall be—

*Class I.—Ex-officio members.*

- (i) The Deans of the Faculties;
- (ii) the Principals;
- (iii) the Professors and Readers; and
- (iv) the Librarian of the University.

*Class II.—Other members.*

- (v) Persons, if any, not exceeding three in number and not being teachers, appointed by the Chancellor on account of their possessing expert knowledge in such subjects of study as may be selected by the *ex-officio* members of the Academic Council.

(2) The Academic Council as constituted under sub-clause (1) shall co-opt as members teachers of the University not exceeding one-tenth of its numbers as so constituted.

(3) Members other than *ex-officio* members shall hold office for a period of three years:

Provided that teachers of the University co-opted as such shall hold office so long only within the said period as they continue to be teachers of the University.

6. The Academic Council shall have the following powers, namely:— Powers of the Academic Council.

- (a) to make proposals to the Executive Council for the institution of Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships or other teaching posts, and in regard to the duties and emoluments thereof;
- (b) to make Regulations for, and to award in accordance with such Regulations, Fellowships, Scholarships, Exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other rewards;
- (c) to recommend examiners for appointment after report from the Faculties concerned;
- (d) to control the University Library, to frame Regulations regarding its use, and to appoint a Library Committee under the general control of the Academic Council to manage the affairs of the Library;
- (e) to assign subjects to the Faculties;
- (f) to assign teachers to the Faculties;
- (g) to promote research within the University and to require reports on such research from the persons employed thereon;
- (h) to provide for the inspection of Colleges and Halls in respect of the instruction and discipline therein, and to submit reports thereon to the Executive Council; and

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(i) to organize the teaching of the University and to control the work of teachers and Colleges.

**7. (1)** Each Faculty shall consist of—

- (i) the heads of the Departments comprised in the Faculty;
- (ii) such teachers of subjects assigned to the Faculty as may be appointed to the Faculty by the Academic Council;
- (iii) such teachers of subjects not assigned to the Faculty but having, in the opinion of the Academic Council, an important bearing on those subjects, as may be appointed to the Faculty by the Academic Council; and
- (iv) such other persons as may be appointed to the Faculty by the Academic Council on account of their possessing expert knowledge in a subject or subjects assigned to the Faculty.

(2) The total number of members of each Faculty shall not exceed, in the case of the Faculties of Arts and Science, twenty-five, and in the case of any other Faculty, fifteen, except with the sanction of the Chancellor given on the request of the Academic Council.

**8.** Subject to the provisions of the Act, each Faculty shall have the following powers, namely:—

- (a) to constitute Committees of Courses and Studies; and
- (b) to recommend to the Academic Council, after consulting the Committees of Courses and Studies, the names of examiners in subjects assigned to the Faculty.

**9.** There shall be a Board of Co-ordination composed of the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be Chairman thereof, the Rector, the Deans of the Faculties and the Registrar, to co-ordinate the teaching of the University, and in particular to co-ordinate the work and time-tables of the various Faculties, and to assign lecture-rooms, laboratories, and other rooms to the Faculties.

**10. (1)** The Dean of each Faculty shall be the executive officer of the Faculty, and shall preside at its meetings. He shall hold office for three years.

(2) He shall issue the lecture lists of the University in the Departments comprised in the Faculty, and shall be responsible for the conduct of teaching therein.

(3) He shall have the right to be present and to speak at any meeting of any committee of the Faculty, but not to vote unless he is a member of the committee.

**11.** The appointment of a Warden shall, in the case of a Hall maintained by the University, be made by the Executive Council, and in other cases be subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

**12.** Every student not residing in a College or Hall shall be attached to a College or Hall for tutorial help and disciplinary supervision and for such other purposes as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

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**13.** The Court may, on the recommendation of the Executive Council, Withdrawal of degrees by a resolution passed with the concurrence of not less than two-thirds and diploma of the members voting, withdraw any degree or diploma conferred by the mas. University.

**14.** (1) All proposals for the conferment of honorary degrees shall Honorary degrees. be made by the Academic Council to the Executive Council, and shall require the assent of the Court before submission to the Chancellor for confirmation :

Provided that, in cases of urgency, the Chancellor may act on the recommendation of the Executive Council only.

(2) Any honorary degree conferred by the University may, with the previous approval of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting of the Court and the sanction of the Chancellor, be withdrawn by the Executive Council,

**15.** The following persons shall, on payment of such fees as may be Registered prescribed by the Statutes, be entitled to have their names enrolled in graduates. the register of registered graduates, namely:—

(a) for a period of five years from the commencement of the Act, all graduates of three years' standing or upwards of any other Indian University incorporated by any law for the time being in force, or of any University in the United Kingdom, who reside or carry on business in the Province of Delhi and apply to the University to be granted *ad eundem* degrees of the University; and

(b) all graduates of the University of three years' standing and upwards.

**16.** There shall be the following officers, namely:—

Officers.

- (i) a Proctor for the maintenance of the general discipline of the University, to whom the Vice-Chancellor may delegate such of his disciplinary powers as he may think fit; and
- (ii) a Librarian for the University Library.

**17.** (1) No person shall be appointed or recognized as a teacher of the Committees of selection. University except on the nomination of a committee of selection constituted for the purpose as follows, namely:—

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (ii) the Rector;
- (iii) the Dean of the Faculty concerned;
- (iv) two members of the Executive Council selected by the Executive Council;
- (v) two members of the Academic Council selected by the Academic Council on the ground of their special knowledge of, or interest in, the subject or subjects with which the teacher will be concerned;

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(vi) a representative of the Governing Body of each College; and  
 (vii) three persons (two of whom shall not be officers of the University) appointed by the Chancellor.

(2) Committees of selection appointed under sub-clause (1) shall report to the Executive Council which shall, if it accepts the nomination of the committee, make the appointment or confer the recognition, as the case may be. If the Executive Council does not accept the nomination of the committee, it shall refer the case to the Chancellor, who shall appoint or recognize such person as he thinks fit.

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THE CIVIL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1922.

Act No. IX of 1922.<sup>1</sup>

[5th March, 1922.]

An Act further to amend the Provincial Small Cause Courts Act, 1887, and the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, in order to provide for the award of costs by way of compensation in respect of false or vexatious claims or defences in civil suits or proceedings.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Provincial Small Cause Courts Act, 1887, and the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908; It is <sup>IX of 1887.</sup> <sub>V of 1908.</sub> hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act, 1922.

(2) The <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may, <sup>3\*</sup> \* \* \* by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], direct that this Act shall come into force throughout the Province or in any part thereof on such <sup>5</sup>date as may be specified in the notification.

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<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 64; and for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1922, Pt. V, p. 85.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> The words "with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C." rep. by the A. O.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>5</sup> The Act was brought into force in—

Assam, from 16th April 1923, see Assam Gazette, 1923, Pt. II, p. 346;  
 Bengal, from 1st July 1924, see Calcutta Gazette, 1924, Pt. I, p. 1200;

Bihar and Orissa, from 15th November 1922, see Bihar and Orissa Gazette, 1922, Pt. II, p. 1062;

Bombay Presidency, from 1st January 1924, see Bombay Gazette, 1923, Pt. I, p. 3008;

Central Provinces, from 3rd March 1923, see Central Provinces Gazette, 1923, Pt. I, p. 208;

Punjab, from 1st January 1931, see Punjab Gazette, 1931, Pt. I, p. 18;  
 United Provinces, from 3rd February 1923, see United Provinces Gazette, 1923, Pt. I, p. 138.

V of 1908.

2. In Part I of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the said Code), after section 35 the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Insertion of  
new section  
35A in Act  
V of 1908.

[See the Unrepealed Central Acts, Vol. V, p. 20.]

3. In sub-section (7) of section 104 of the said Code—
- (i) after clause (f) the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

Amendment  
of section  
104, Act V  
of 1908.

[See the Unrepealed Central Acts, Vol. V, p. 46.]

- (ii) after clause (i) the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

[See the Unrepealed Central Acts, Vol. V, p. 46.]

4. To rule 33 of Order XLI of the First Schedule to the said Code. the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

Amendment  
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Schedule I,  
Act V of  
1908.

[See the Unrepealed Central Acts, Vol. V, p. 207.]

IX of 1887.

5. In section 24 of the Provincial Small Cause Courts Act, 1887, for the words and figures "section 588, clause (29) of the Code of Civil Procedure" the words and figures "clause (ff) or clause (h) of sub-section (1) of section 104 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908," shall be substituted; and after the words "District Court," the following words shall be added, namely:—

Amendment  
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[See the Unrepealed Central Acts, Vol. III, p. 305.]

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Act No. XI OF 1922.<sup>1</sup>

[5th March, 1922.]

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to Income-tax and Super-tax.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to Income-tax and Super-tax; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Income-tax Act, 1922.

Short title,  
extent and  
commencement.

<sup>2</sup>[(2) It extends<sup>3</sup> to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan and the Sonthal Parganas, and applies also, within the Indian States and the tribal areas, to British subjects who are in the service of the Crown or of a local authority established in the exercise of the powers of the Crown Representative or the Central Government in that behalf, and to all other servants of the Crown in the said States and areas.]

(3) It shall come into force on the first day of April, 1922.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1921, Pt. V, p. 159; and for Report of Joint Committee, see *ibid.*, 1922, Pt. V, p. 31.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original sub-section.

<sup>3</sup> This Act has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.; and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

**Definitions.** **2.** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(1) “*agricultural income*” means—

- (a) any rent or revenue derived from land which is used for agricultural purposes, and is either assessed to land-revenue in British India or subject to a local rate assessed and collected by <sup>1</sup>[officers of the Crown] as such;
- (b) any income derived from such land by—
  - (i) agriculture, or
  - (ii) the performance by a cultivator or receiver of rent-in-kind of any process ordinarily employed by a cultivator or receiver of rent-in-kind to render the produce raised or received by him fit to be taken to market, or
  - (iii) the sale by a cultivator or receiver of rent-in-kind of the produce raised or received by him, in respect of which no process has been performed other than a process of the nature described in sub-clause (ii);
- (c) any income derived from any building owned and occupied by the receiver of the rent or revenue of any such land, or occupied by the cultivator, or the receiver of rent-in-kind, of any land with respect to which, or the produce of which, any operation mentioned in sub-clauses (ii) and (iii) of clause (b) is carried on:

Provided that the building is on or in the immediate vicinity of the land, and is a building which the receiver of the rent or revenue or the cultivator or the receiver of the rent-in-kind by reason of his connection with the land, requires as a dwelling-house, or as a store-house, or other out-building;

(2) “*assessee*” means a person by whom Income-tax is payable;

(3) “*Assistant Commissioner*” means a person appointed to be an Assistant Commissioner of Income-tax under section 5;

(4) “*business*” includes any trade, commerce, or manufacture or any adventure or concern in the nature of trade, commerce or manufacture;

<sup>2</sup>[(4A) “*the Central Board of Revenue*” means the Central Board of Revenue constituted under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1924;] IV of 1924.

(5) “*Commissioner*” means a person appointed to be a Commissioner of Income-tax under section 5;

(6) “*company*” means a company as defined in the Indian Companies Act, 1913, or formed in pursuance of an Act of Parliament or VII of 1913. of Royal Charter or Letters Patent, or of an Act of the Legislature of a British possession, and includes any foreign association carrying on business in British India whether incorporated or not, and whether its

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “officers of Govt.”

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1924 (4 of 1924), s. 4 and Sch.

principal place of business is situate in British India or not, which the <sup>1</sup>[Central Board of Revenue] may, by general or special order, declare to be a company for the purposes of this Act;

<sup>2</sup>[(6A) 'firm', 'partner' and 'partnership' have the same meaning respectively as in the Indian Contract Act, 1872;]

(7) "Income-tax Officer" means a person appointed to be an Income-tax Officer under section 5;

(8) "Magistrate" means a Presidency Magistrate or a Magistrate of the first class, or a Magistrate of the second class specially empowered by <sup>3</sup>[the Central Government] to try offences against this Act;

(9) "person" includes a Hindu undivided family;

(10) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(11) "previous year" means—

(a) the twelve months ending on the 31st day of March next preceding the year for which the assessment is to be made, or, if the accounts of the assessee have been made up to a date within the said twelve months in respect of a year ending on any date other than the said 31st day of March, then at the option of the assessee the year ending on the day to which his accounts have so been made up:

Provided that, if this option has once been exercised by the assessee, it shall not again be exercised so as to vary the meaning of the expression "previous year" as then applicable to such assessee except with the consent of the Income-tax Officer and upon such conditions as he may think fit; or

(b) in the case of any person, business or company or class of person, business or company, such period as may be determined by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Board of Revenue] or by such authority as the Board may authorise in this behalf;

(12) "principal officer", used with reference to a local authority or a company or any other public body or <sup>4</sup>[any] association, means—

(a) the secretary, treasurer, manager or agent of the authority, company, body or association, or

(b) any person connected with the authority, company, body or association upon whom the Income-tax Officer has served a notice of his intention of treating him as the principal officer thereof;

(13) "public servant" has the same meaning as in the Indian Penal Code;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1924 (4 of 1924), s. 4 and Sch., for "Board of Inland Revenue".

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1930 (21 of 1930), s. 2.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the L. G."

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1924 (11 of 1924), s. 2.

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<sup>1</sup>[(14) "registered firm" means a firm registered under the provisions of section 26A;]

(15) "total income" means total amount of income, profits and gains from all sources to which this Act applies computed in the manner laid down in section 16; and

(16) "unregistered firm" means a firm which is not a registered firm.

## CHAPTER I.

## CHARGE OF INCOME-TAX.

Charge of  
income-tax.

3. Where any <sup>2</sup>[Act of the Central Legislature] enacts<sup>3</sup> that income-tax shall be charged for any year at any rate or rates applicable to the total income of an assessee, tax at that rate or those rates shall be charged for that year in accordance with, and subject to the provisions of, this Act in respect of all income, profits and gains of the previous year of every <sup>4</sup>[individual, Hindu undivided family, company, firm and other association of individuals].

Application  
of Act.

4. (1) Save as hereinafter provided, this Act shall apply to all income, profits or gains, as described or comprised in section 6, from whatever source derived, accruing, or arising, or received in British India, or deemed under the provisions of this Act to accrue, or arise, or to be received in British India.

(2) <sup>5</sup>[Income, profits and gains] accruing or arising without British India to a person resident in British India <sup>6</sup>[shall, if they are received in or brought into British India, be deemed to have accrued or arisen in British India and to be <sup>7</sup>[income,] profits and gains of the year in which they are so received or brought] notwithstanding the fact that they did not so accrue or arise in that year <sup>8\*</sup> \* \* \* :

<sup>7</sup>[Provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall apply to any income, profits or gains so accruing or arising prior to the 1st day

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1930 (21 of 1930), s. 2, for the original clause.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Act of the Indian Legislature".

<sup>3</sup> For such enactments see the annual Indian Finance Acts.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1924 (11 of 1924), s. 3, for "individual, company, firm and Hindu undivided family". This amendment has retrospective effect from 1st April, 1923, see s. 11, *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1933 (12 of 1933), s. 2, for "Profits and gains of a business".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Further Amendment) Act, 1923 (27 of 1923), s. 2, for "shall be deemed to be profits and gains of the year in which they are received or brought into British India".

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by Act 12 of 1933, s. 2.

<sup>8</sup> The words "provided that they are so received or brought in within three years of the end of the year in which they accrued or arose" rep. by s. 2, *ibid.*

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of April, 1933, unless they are income, profits or gains of a business and are received in or brought into British India within three years of the end of the year in which they accrued or arose:

Provided further that nothing in this sub-section shall apply to income from agriculture arising or accruing in a State in India from land for which any annual payment in money or in kind is made to the State.]

*Explanation.*—<sup>1</sup>[Income,] profits or gains accruing or arising without British India shall not be deemed to be received or brought into British India within the meaning of this sub-section by reason only of the fact that they are taken into account in the balance sheet prepared in British India.

- (3) This Act shall not apply to the following classes of income:—
- (i) Any income derived from property held under trust or other legal obligation wholly for religious or charitable purposes, and in the case of property so held in part only for such purposes, the income applied, or finally set apart for application, thereto.
  - (ii) Any income of a religious or charitable institution derived from voluntary contributions and applicable solely to religious or charitable purposes.
  - (iii) The income of local authorities.
  - (iv) Interest on securities which are held by, or are the property of, any Provident Fund to which the <sup>2</sup>Provident Funds Act, 1897, applies <sup>3\*</sup> \* \* \*,
  - (v) Any capital sum received in commutation of the whole or a portion of a pension, or in the nature of consolidated compensation for death or injuries, or in payment of any insurance policy, or as the accumulated balance at the credit of a subscriber to any such Provident Fund.
  - (vi) Any special allowance, benefit or perquisite specifically granted to meet expenses wholly and necessarily incurred in the performance of the duties of an office or employment of profit.
  - (vii) Any receipts not being receipts arising from business or the exercise of a profession, vocation or occupation, which are of a casual and non-recurring nature, or are not by way of addition to the remuneration of an employé.

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<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1933 (12 of 1933), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> See now the Provident Funds Act, 1925 (19 of 1925).

<sup>3</sup> The words “or any Provident Insurance Society to which the Provident Insurance Societies Act, 1912, is, or, but for an exemption under that Act would be, applicable” rep. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1924 (11 of 1924), s. 4.

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(viii) Agricultural income.

<sup>1</sup>[*(ix)* Any income received by trustees on behalf of a recognised provident fund as defined in clause (a) of section 58A.]

In this sub-section “charitable purpose” includes relief of the poor, education, medical relief, and the advancement of any other object of general public utility.

## CHAPTER II.

### INCOME-TAX AUTHORITIES.

**Income-tax authorities.** 5. (1) There shall be the following classes of Income-tax authorities for the purposes of this Act, namely:—

- (a) <sup>2</sup>[The Central Board of Revenue,]
- (b) Commissioners of Income-tax,
- (c) Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax, and
- (d) Income-tax Officers.

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<sup>4</sup>[*(3) The <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may appoint a Commissioner of Income-tax for any area specified in the order of appointment.]*

*(4) <sup>6</sup>[The Central Government may appoint for any area as many Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax and Income-tax Officers as it thinks fit.] They shall perform their functions [in respect of such persons or classes of persons and of such incomes or classes of income] and in respect of such areas as the Commissioner of Income-tax may direct <sup>8</sup>[and, where two or more Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax or Income-tax Officers have been appointed for the same area, in accordance with any orders which the Commissioner of Income-tax may make for the distribution and allocation of the work to be performed]. The Commissioner may, by general or special order in writing, direct that the powers conferred on the Income-tax Officer and the Assistant*

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax Provident Funds Relief Act, 1929 (12 of 1929), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1924 (4 of 1924), s. 4 and Sch., for “a Board of Inland Revenue”.

<sup>3</sup> Sub-section (2) rep. by s. 4 and Sch., *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 2, for the original sub-section.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax and Income-tax Officers shall, subject to the control of the G. G. in C., be appointed by the Commissioner of Income-tax by order in writing”.

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by Act 18 of 1933, s. 2, for “in respect of such classes of persons and such classes of income”.

<sup>8</sup> Ins. by s. 2, *ibid.*

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Commissioner by or under this Act shall, in respect of any specified case or class of cases, be exercised by the Assistant Commissioner and the Commissioner, respectively, and, for the purposes of any case in respect of which such order applies, references in this Act or in any rules made hereunder to the Income-tax Officer and the Assistant Commissioner shall be deemed to be references to the Assistant Commissioner and the Commissioner, respectively.

(5) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Board of Revenue] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint Commissioners of Income-tax, Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax and Income-tax Officers to perform such functions in respect of such classes of persons or such classes of income, and for such area, as may be specified in the notification, and thereupon the functions so specified shall cease, within the specified area, to be performed, in respect of the specified classes of persons or classes of income, by the authorities appointed under sub-sections (3) and (4).

(6) Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax and Income-tax Officers appointed under sub-section (4) shall, for the purposes of this Act, be subordinate to the Commissioner of Income-tax appointed under sub-section (3) for the <sup>3</sup>[area] in which they perform their functions.

### CHAPTER III.

#### TAXABLE INCOME.

6. Save as otherwise provided by this Act, the following heads of income, profits and gains shall be chargeable to income-tax in the manner hereinafter appearing, namely:—

- (i) Salaries.
- (ii) Interest on securities.
- (iii) Property.
- (iv) Business.
- (v) Professional earnings.
- (vi) Other sources.

7. (1) The tax shall be payable by an assessee under the head *Salaries*. “Salaries” in respect of any salary or wages, any annuity, pension or gratuity, and any fees, commissions, perquisites or profits received by him in lieu of, or in addition to, any salary or wages, which are paid by or on behalf of <sup>4</sup>[the Crown], a local authority, a company, or any

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1924 (4 of 1924), s. 4 and Sch., for “Board of Inland Revenue”.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Gazette of India”.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 2, for “province”.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Govt.”

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other public body or association, or by or on behalf of any private employer:

Provided that the tax shall not be payable in respect of any sum <sup>1</sup>[deducted from the salary payable by or on behalf of the Crown to any individual, being a sum deducted in accordance with the conditions of his service] for the purpose of securing to him a deferred annuity or of making provision for his wife or children, provided that the sum so deducted shall not exceed one-sixth of the salary.

<sup>2</sup>[Explanation.—The right of a person to occupy free of rent as a place of residence any premises provided by his employer is a perquisite for the purposes of this sub-section.]

(2) Any income which would be chargeable under this head if paid in British India shall be deemed to be so chargeable if paid to a British subject or any servant of His Majesty in any part of India <sup>3</sup>[by or on behalf of the Crown] or by a local authority established <sup>4</sup>[in the exercise of the powers of the Crown Representative or the Central Government in that behalf].

## Interest on securities.

8. The tax shall be payable by an assessee under the head “Interest on securities” in respect of the interest receivable by him on any security of the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] or of a <sup>6</sup>[Provincial Government], or on debentures or other securities for money issued by or on behalf of a local authority or a company:

<sup>7</sup>[Provided that no income-tax shall be payable under this section by the assessee in respect of any sum deducted from such interest by way of commission by a banker realizing such interest on behalf of the assessee :]

Provided <sup>7</sup>[further] that no income-tax shall be payable on the interest receivable on any security of the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] issued or declared to be income-tax free:

Provided, further, that the income-tax payable on the interest receivable on any security of a <sup>6</sup>[Provincial Government] issued income-tax free shall be payable by that <sup>6</sup>[Provincial Government].

## Property.

9. (1) The tax shall be payable by an assessee under the head “Property” in respect of the *bona fide* annual value of property consisting of any buildings or lands appurtenant thereto of which he is the owner, other than such portions of such property as he may occupy for

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “deducted under the authority of Govt. from the salary of any individual”.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1923 (15 of 1923), s. 2.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “by Govt.”

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “by the G. G. in C.”

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. of I.”

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “L. G.”

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 3.

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the purposes of his business, subject to the following allowances, namely :—

- (i) where the property is in the occupation of the owner, or where it is let to a tenant and the owner has undertaken to bear the cost of repairs, a sum equal to one-sixth of such value;
- (ii) where the property is in the occupation of a tenant who has undertaken to bear the cost of repairs, the difference between such value and the rent paid by the tenant up to but not exceeding one-sixth of such value;
- (iii) the amount of any annual premium paid to insure the property against risk of damage or destruction;
- <sup>1</sup>[(iv) where the property is subject to a mortgage, or other capital charge, the amount of any interest on such mortgage or charge; where the property is subject to a ground rent, the amount of such ground rent; and where the property has been acquired with borrowed capital, the amount of any interest payable on such capital and not specifically charged upon the property itself;]
- (v) any sums paid on account of land revenue in respect of the property;
- (vi) in respect of collection charges, a sum not exceeding the prescribed maximum;
- (vii) in respect of vacancies, such sum as the Income-tax Officer may determine having regard to the circumstances of the case:

Provided that the aggregate of the allowances made under this subsection shall in no case exceed the annual value.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the expression "annual value" shall be deemed to mean the sum for which the property might reasonably be expected to let from year to year :

Provided that, where the property is in the occupation of the owner for the purposes of his own residence, such sum shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed not to exceed ten per cent. of the total income of the owner.

**10.** (1) The tax shall be payable by an assessee under the head **Business**, "Business" in respect of the profits or gains of any business carried on by him.

(2) Such profits or gains shall be computed after making the following allowances, namely :—

- (i) any rent paid for the premises in which such business is carried on, provided that when any substantial part of the

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 4, for the original clause.

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premises is used as a dwelling-house by the assessee, the allowance under this clause shall be such sum as the Income-tax Officer may determine having regard to the proportional part so used;

- (ii) in respect of repairs, where the assessee is the tenant only of the premises, and has undertaken to bear the cost of such repairs, the amount paid on account thereof, provided that, if any substantial part of the premises is used by the assessee as a dwelling-house, a proportional part only of such amount shall be allowed;
- (iii) in respect of capital borrowed for the purposes of the business, where the payment of interest thereon is not in any way dependent on the earning of profits, the amount of the interest paid;

*Explanation.*—Recurring subscriptions paid periodically by shareholders or subscribers in such Mutual Benefit Societies as may be prescribed, shall be deemed to be capital borrowed within the meaning of this clause;

- (iv) in respect of insurance against risk of damage or destruction of buildings, machinery, plant, furniture, stocks or stores, used for the purposes of the business, the amount of any premium paid;
- (v) in respect of current repairs to such buildings, machinery, plant, or furniture, the amount paid on account thereof;
- (vi) in respect of depreciation of such buildings, machinery, plant, or furniture being the property of the assessee, a sum equivalent to such percentage on the original cost thereof to the assessee as may in any case or class of cases be prescribed:

Provided that—

- (a) the prescribed particulars have been duly furnished;
- (b) where full effect cannot be given to any such allowance in any year owing to there being no profits or gains chargeable for that year, or owing to the profits or gains chargeable being less than the allowance, the allowance or part of the allowance to which effect has not been given, as the case may be, shall be added to the amount of the allowance for depreciation for the following year and deemed to be part of that allowance, or if there is no such allowance for that year, be deemed to be the allowance for that year, and so on for succeeding years; and

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(c) the aggregate of all such allowances made under this Act or any Act repealed hereby, or under the <sup>1</sup>Indian Income-tax Act, 1886, shall, in no case, exceed the original cost to the assessee of the buildings, machinery, plant, or furniture, as the case may be;

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(vii) in respect of any machinery or plant which, in consequence of its having become obsolete, has been sold or discarded, the difference between the original cost to the assessee of the machinery or plant as reduced by the aggregate of the allowances made in respect of depreciation under clause (vi), or any Act repealed hereby, or the <sup>1</sup>Indian Income-tax Act, 1886, and the amount for which the machinery or plant is actually sold, or its scrap value;

<sup>2</sup>[(viii) in respect of animals which have been used for the purposes of the business otherwise than as stock in trade and have died or become permanently useless for such purposes, the difference between the original cost to the assessee of the animals and the amount, if any, realised in respect of the carcasses or animals;]

(ix) any sums paid on account of land-revenue, local rates or municipal taxes in respect of such part of the premises as is used for the purposes of the business;

<sup>3</sup>[(viiiia) any sum paid to an employee as bonus or commission for services rendered, where such sum would not have been payable to him as profits or dividend if it had not been paid as bonus or commission:

Provided that the amount of the bonus or commission is of a reasonable amount with reference to—

(a) the pay of the employee and the conditions of his service;

(b) the profits of the business for the year in question; and

(c) the general practice in similar businesses;]

(x) any expenditure (not being in the nature of capital expenditure) incurred solely for the purpose of earning such profits or gains:

<sup>2</sup>[(Provided that nothing in clause (viii) or clause (ix) shall be deemed to authorise the allowance of any sum paid on account of any cess, rate or tax levied on the profits or gains of any business or assessed at a proportion of or otherwise on the basis of any such profits or gains.]

<sup>1</sup> Rep. by the Indian Income-tax Act, 1918 (7 of 1918).

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1928 (3 of 1928), s. 2.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Third Amendment) Act, 1930 (23 of 1930), s. 2.

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(3) In sub-section (2), the word "paid" means actually paid or incurred according to the method of accounting upon the basis of which the profits or gains are computed under this section.

Professional earnings.

**11.** (1) The tax shall be payable by an assessee under the head "Professional earnings" in respect of the profits or gains of any profession or vocation followed by him.

<sup>1</sup>[(2) Such profits or gains shall be computed after making the following allowances, namely:—

- (i) any expenditure (not being in the nature of capital expenditure) incurred solely for the purposes of such profession or vocation, and not being personal expenses of the assessee;
- (ii) in respect of depreciation of buildings and depreciation and obsolescence of machinery, apparatus, appliances, plant, furniture or other capital assets being the property of the assessee and used solely for the purposes of such profession or vocation, the allowances specified in clauses (vi) and (vii) of sub-section (2) of section 10 subject to all the conditions specified in those clauses.]

(3) Professional fees paid in any part of India to a person ordinarily resident in British India shall be deemed to be profits or gains chargeable under this head.

Other sources.

**12.** (1) The tax shall be payable by an assessee under the head "Other sources" in respect of income, profits and gains of every kind and from every source to which this Act applies (if not included under any of the preceding heads).

(2) Such income, profits and gains shall be computed after making allowance for any expenditure (not being in the nature of capital expenditure) incurred solely for the purpose of making or earning such income, profits or gains, provided that no allowance shall be made on account of any personal expenses of the assessee.

Method of accounting.

**13.** Income, profits and gains shall be computed, for the purposes of sections 10, 11 and 12, in accordance with the method of accounting regularly employed by the assessee:

Provided that, if no method of accounting has been regularly employed, or if the method employed is such that, in the opinion of the Income-tax Officer, the income, profits and gains cannot properly be deduced therefrom, then the computation shall be made upon such basis and in such manner as the Income-tax Officer may determine.

Exemptions of a general nature.

**14.** (1) The tax shall not be payable by an assessee in respect of any sum which he receives as a member of a Hindu undivided family.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1938 (18 of 1938), s. 5, for the original sub-section.

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- (2) The tax shall not be payable by an assessee in respect of—  
 (a) any sum which he receives by way of dividend as a shareholder in a company where the profits or gains of the company have been assessed to income-tax; or  
 (b) such an amount of the profits or gains of any firm which have been assessed to income-tax as is proportionate to his share in the firm <sup>1</sup>[at the time of such assessment], <sup>2</sup>[or  
 (c) any sum which he receives as his share of the profits or gains of an association of individuals, other than a Hindu undivided family, company or firm, where such profits or gains have been assessed to income-tax.]

15. (1) The tax shall not be payable by an assessee in respect of any sums paid by him to effect an insurance on his own life or on the life of his wife, or in respect of a contract for a deferred annuity on his own life or on the life of his wife, or as a contribution to any Provident Fund to which the <sup>3</sup>Provident Funds Act, 1897, applies  
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(2) Where the assessee is a Hindu undivided family, there shall be exempted under sub-section (1) any sums paid to effect an insurance on the life of any male member of the family or of the wife of any such member.

(3) The aggregate of any sums exempted under this section shall not, together with any sums exempted under the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 7 <sup>5</sup>[and any sums exempted under sub-section (1) of section 58F], exceed one-sixth of the total income of the assessee.

16. (1) In computing the total income of an assessee sums exempted under the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 7, <sup>6</sup>[the second and third provisos to section 8,] sub-section (2) of section 14 and section 15, shall be included.

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1), any sum mentioned in clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 14 shall be increased by the amount of income-tax payable by the company in respect of the dividend received.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1928 (3 of 1928), s. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 2.

<sup>3</sup> See now the Provident Funds Act, 1925 (19 of 1925).

<sup>4</sup> The words "or to any Provident Fund which complies with the provisions of the Provident Insurance Societies Act, 1912, or has been exempted from the provisions of that Act" rep. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1924 (11 of 1924), s. 5.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Provident Funds Relief) Act, 1929 (12 of 1929), s. 3.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 6. for "the provisos to section 8".

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<sup>1</sup>[(3) In computing the total income of any individual for the purpose of assessment, there shall be included—

- (a) so much of the income of a wife or minor child of such individual as arises directly or indirectly—
  - (i) from the membership of the wife in a firm of which her husband is a partner;
  - (ii) from the admission of the minor to the benefits of partnership in a firm of which such individual is a partner;
  - (iii) from assets transferred directly or indirectly to the wife by the husband otherwise than for adequate consideration or in connection with an agreement to live apart; or
  - (iv) from assets transferred directly or indirectly to the minor child, not being a married daughter, by such individual; and
- (b) so much of the income of any association of individuals consisting of such individual and his wife as arises from assets transferred to the association by such individual.]

Reduction of tax when margin above a certain limit is small.

17. Where owing to the fact that the total income of any assessee has reached or exceeded a certain limit, he is liable to pay income-tax or to pay income-tax at a higher rate, the amount of income-tax payable by him shall, where necessary, be reduced so as not to exceed the aggregate of the following amounts, namely:—

- (a) the amount which would have been payable if his total income had been a sum less by one rupee than that limit, and
- (b) the amount by which his total income exceeds that sum.

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### DEDUCTIONS AND ASSESSMENT.

Payment by deduction at source.

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(2) Any person responsible for paying any income chargeable under the head "Salaries" shall, at the time of payment, deduct income-tax <sup>3</sup>[but not super-tax] on the amount payable at the rate applicable to the estimated income of the assessee under this head:

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1937 (4 of 1937), s. 2. This amendment does not have effect in respect of any income chargeable to income-tax for any year ending before the 1st day of April, 1937—see s. 5, *ibid.*

<sup>2</sup> Sub-section (1) was rep. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 7.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by s. 7, *ibid.*

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Provided that such person may, at the time of making any deduction, increase or reduce the amount to be deducted under this sub-section for the purpose of adjusting any excess or deficiency arising out of any previous deduction or failure to deduct.

<sup>1</sup>[(2A) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, for the purpose of making the deduction under sub-section (2), there shall be included in the amount payable any income chargeable under the head "Salaries" which is payable to the assessee out of India by or <sup>2</sup>[on behalf of the Crown], and the value in rupees of such income shall be calculated at the prescribed rate of exchange.]

(3) The person responsible for paying any income chargeable under the head "Interest on securities" shall, <sup>3</sup>[unless otherwise prescribed in the case of any security of the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government],] at the time of payment, deduct income-tax <sup>3</sup>[but not super-tax] on the amount of the interest payable at the maximum rate:

<sup>3</sup>[Provided that where the Income-tax Officer gives a certificate in writing (which certificate he shall give in every proper case on the application of the assessee) that to the best of his belief the total income of a recipient will be less than the minimum liable to income-tax or will be liable to a rate of income-tax less than the maximum rate, the person responsible for paying any income herein referred to to such recipient shall, until such certificate is cancelled by the Income-tax Officer, pay the income without deduction or deduct the tax at such less rate, as the case may be.

(3A) Where the Income-tax Officer has reason to believe that the total income of any person residing out of British India to whom any interest not being "Interest on securities" is payable will in any year exceed the maximum amount which is not chargeable with super-tax under the law for the time being in force, he may, by order in writing, require the person responsible for paying such interest to such person to deduct at the time of payment income-tax and super-tax at the rates determined by the Income-tax Officer to be applicable to the total income of such person in that year.

(3B) Where the person responsible for paying any interest not being "Interest on securities" to any person pays to that person in any year an amount of such interest exceeding in the aggregate the maximum amount which is not chargeable with super-tax under the law for the time being in force, the person responsible for paying such interest shall, if he has not reason to believe that the recipient is resident in British

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1925 (16 of 1925), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "on behalf of Govt."

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 7.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. of I."

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India, and no order under sub-section (3A) has been received in respect of such recipient, deduct at the time of payment income-tax on the total amount of such interest at the rate appropriate to such total, and super-tax on the amount by which such total exceeds the maximum amount not chargeable with super-tax at the rate applicable to such excess.

(3C) Where the Income-tax Officer has reason to believe that any person, who is a shareholder in a company, is resident out of British India and that the total income of such person will in any year exceed the maximum amount which is not chargeable to super-tax under the law for the time being in force, he may, by order in writing, require the principal officer of the company to deduct at the time of payment of any dividend from the company to the shareholder in that year super-tax at such rate as the Income-tax Officer may determine as being the rate applicable in respect of the income of the shareholder in that year.

(3D) If in any year the amount of any dividend or the aggregate amount of any dividends paid to any shareholder by a company (together with the amount of any income-tax payable by the company in respect thereof) exceeds the maximum amount of the total income of a person which is not chargeable to super-tax under the law for the time being in force, and the principal officer of the company has not reason to believe that the shareholder is resident in British India, and no order under sub-section (3C) has been received in respect of such shareholder by the principal officer from the Income-tax Officer, the principal officer shall at the time of payment deduct super-tax on the amount of such excess at the rate which would be applicable under the law for the time being in force if the amount of such dividend or dividends (together with the amount of such income-tax as aforesaid) constituted the whole total income of the shareholder.]

(4) All sums deducted in accordance with the provisions of this section shall, for the purpose of computing the income of an assessee, be deemed to be income received.

(5) Any deduction made in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be treated as a payment of income-tax <sup>1</sup>[or super-tax] on behalf of the person from whose income the deduction was made, or of the owner of the security, as the case may be, and credit shall be given to him therefor in the assessment, if any, made for the following year under this Act:

Provided that, if such person or such owner obtains, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, a refund of any portion of the tax so deducted, no credit shall be given for the amount of such refund :

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<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 7.

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<sup>1</sup>[Provided further that where such person or owner is a person whose income is included under the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 16 in the total income of another person that person shall be deemed to be the person or owner on whose behalf payment has been made and to whom credit shall be given in the assessment for the following year.]

(6) All sums deducted in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be paid within the prescribed time by the person making the deduction to the credit of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government], or as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Board of Revenue] directs.

(7) If any such person does not deduct and pay the tax as required by <sup>4</sup>[or under] this section, he shall, without prejudice to any other consequences which he may incur, be deemed to be <sup>5</sup>[an assessee] in default in respect of the tax:

<sup>4</sup>[Provided that the Income-tax Officer shall not make a direction under sub-section (1) of section 46 for the recovery of any penalty from such person unless satisfied that such person has wilfully failed to deduct and pay the tax.]

(8) The power to levy by deduction under this section shall be without prejudice to any other mode of recovery.

(9) Every person deducting income-tax <sup>4</sup>[or super-tax] in accordance with the provisions of <sup>6</sup>[sub-section (3), (3A), (3B), (3C) or (3D)], shall, at the time of payment of interest <sup>7</sup>[or dividends], furnish to the person to whom <sup>8</sup>[such payment is made] a certificate to the effect that income-tax <sup>4</sup>[or super-tax] has been deducted, and specifying the amount so deducted, the rate at which the tax has been deducted, and such other particulars as may be prescribed.

19. In the case of income chargeable under <sup>9</sup>[any head other than "salaries" or "interest on securities"], and in any case where income-tax has not been deducted in accordance with the provisions of <sup>10</sup>[section 18], the tax shall be payable by the assessee direct.

<sup>11</sup>[19A. The principal officer of every company shall, on or before the 15th day of June in each year, furnish to the prescribed officer information regarding a return in the prescribed form and verified in the prescribed manner of dividends.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1937 (4 of 1937), s. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. of I."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1924 (4 of 1924), s. 4 and Sch., for "Board of Inland Revenue".

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 7.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 7, *ibid.*, for "personally".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by s. 7, *ibid.*, for "sub-section (3)".

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1935 (12 of 1935), s. 2 and Sch. I.

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by s. 2 and Sch. I, *ibid.*, for "the interest is paid".

<sup>9</sup> Subs. by Act 18 of 1933, s. 8, for "any other head than those mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 18".

<sup>10</sup> Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1934 (24 of 1934), s. 2 and Sch. I, for "that section".

<sup>11</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1926 (24 of 1926), s. 2.

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the names and of the addresses, as entered in the register of shareholders maintained by the company, of the shareholders to whom a dividend or aggregate dividends exceeding such amount as may be prescribed in this behalf has or have been distributed during the preceding year and of the amount so distributed to each such shareholder.]

Certificate  
by company  
to share-  
holders  
receiving  
dividends.

**20.** The principal officer of every company shall, at the time of distribution of dividends, furnish to every person receiving a dividend a certificate to the effect that the company has paid or will pay income-tax on the profits which are being distributed, and specifying such other particulars as may be prescribed.

Supply of  
information  
regarding  
interest.

**[20A.** The person responsible for paying any interest not being "Interest on securities" shall, on or before the fifteenth day of June in each year, furnish to the prescribed officer a return in the prescribed form and verified in the prescribed manner of the names and addresses of all persons to whom during the previous financial year he has paid interest or aggregate interest exceeding such amount not being less than one thousand rupees as may be prescribed in this behalf, together with the amount paid to each such person.]

Annual  
return.

**21.** The prescribed person in the case of every Government office, and the principal officer or the prescribed person in the case of every local authority, company or other public body or association, and every private employer shall prepare, and, within thirty days from the 31st day of March in each year, deliver or cause to be delivered to the Income-tax Officer in the prescribed form, a return in writing showing—

- (a) the name and, so far as it is known, the address, of every person who was receiving on the said 31st day of March, or has received during the year ending on that date, from the authority, company, body, association or private employer, as the case may be, any income chargeable under the head "Salaries" of such amount as may be prescribed;
- (b) the amount of the income so received by each such person, and the time or times at which the same was paid;
- (c) the amount deducted in respect of income-tax from the income of each such person.

Return of  
income.

**22. (1)** The principal officer of every company shall prepare, and, on or before the fifteenth day of June in each year, furnish to the Income-tax Officer a return, in the prescribed form and verified in the prescribed manner, of the total income of the company during the previous year:

Provided that the Income-tax Officer may, in his discretion, extend the date for the delivery of the return in the case of any company or class of companies.

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<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 9.

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(2) In the case of any person other than a company whose total income is, in the Income-tax Officer's opinion, of such an amount as to render such person liable to income-tax, the Income-tax Officer shall serve a notice upon him requiring him to furnish, within such period, not being less than thirty days, as may be specified in the notice, a return in the prescribed form and verified in the prescribed manner setting forth (along with such other particulars as may be provided for in the notice) his total income during the previous year.

(3) If any person has not furnished a return within the time allowed by or under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), or having furnished a return under either of those sub-sections, discovers any omission or wrong statement therein, he may furnish a return or a revised return, as the case may be, at any time before the assessment is made, and any return so made shall be deemed to be a return made in due time under this section.

(4) The Income-tax Officer may serve on the principal officer of any company or on any person upon whom a notice has been served under sub-section (2) a notice requiring him, on a date to be therein specified, to produce, or cause to be produced, such accounts or documents as the Income-tax Officer may require:

Provided that the Income-tax Officer shall not require the production of any accounts relating to a period more than three years prior to the previous year.

**23.** (1) If the Income-tax Officer is satisfied that a return made ~~Assessment~~ under section 22 is correct and complete, he shall assess the total income of the assessee, and shall determine the sum payable by him on the basis of such return.

(2) If the Income-tax Officer has reason to believe that a return made under section 22 is incorrect or incomplete, he shall serve on the person who made the return a notice requiring him, on a date to be therein specified, either to attend at the Income-tax Officer's office or to produce, or to cause to be there produced, any evidence on which such person may rely in support of the return.

(3) On the day specified in the notice issued under sub-section (2), or as soon afterwards as may be, the Income-tax Officer, after hearing such evidence as such person may produce and such other evidence as the Income-tax Officer may require, on specified points, shall, by an order in writing, assess the total income of the assessee, and determine the sum payable by him on the basis of such assessment.

(4) If the principal officer of any company or any other person fails to make a return under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of section 22, as the case may be, or fails to comply with all the terms of a notice issued under sub-section (4) of the same section or, having made a

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return, fails to comply with all the terms of a notice issued under subsection (2) of this section, the Income-tax Officer shall make the assessment to the best of his judgment<sup>1</sup>[and, in the case of a registered firm, may cancel its registration:

Provided that the registration of a firm shall not be cancelled until fourteen days have elapsed from the issue of a notice by the Income-tax Officer to the firm intimating his intention to cancel its registration.]

Power to assess individual members of certain firms, associations and companies.

<sup>2</sup>[**23A.** (1) Where the Income-tax Officer is satisfied that any firm or other association of individuals carrying on any business, other than a Hindu undivided family or a company, is under the control of one member thereof, and that such firm or association has been formed or is being used for the purpose of evading or reducing the liability to tax of any member thereof, he may, with the previous approval of the Assistant Commissioner, pass an order that the sum payable as income-tax by the firm or association shall not be determined, and thereupon the share of each member in the profits and gains of the firm or association shall be included in his total income for the purpose of his assessment thereon.

*Explanation.*—A member of a firm or association who owns the whole or the major portion of the capital of the firm or association shall not by reason only of that fact be deemed to control the firm or association.

(2) Where the Income-tax Officer is satisfied that a company is under the control of not more than five of its members and that its profits and gains are allowed to accumulate beyond its reasonable needs, existing and contingent, having regard to the maintenance and development of its business, without being distributed to the members, or that a reasonable part of its profits and gains, having regard to the said needs, has not been distributed to its members in such manner as to render the amount distributed liable to be included in their total income, and that such accumulation or failure to distribute is for the purpose of preventing the imposition of tax upon any of the members in respect of their shares in the profits and gains so accumulated or not distributed, the Income-tax Officer may, with the previous approval of the Assistant Commissioner, pass an order that the sum payable as income tax by the company shall not be determined, and thereupon the proportionate share of each member in the profits and gains of the company, whether such profits and gains have been distributed to the members or not, shall be included in the total income of such member for the purpose of his assessment thereon :

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1930 (21 of 1930), s. 3.

<sup>2</sup> S. 23A ins. by s. 4, *ibid.*

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Provided that this sub-section shall not apply to any company which is a subsidiary company or in which the public are substantially interested.

*Explanation.*—For the purpose of this sub-section,—

- (a) a company shall be deemed to be a subsidiary company if, by reason of the beneficial ownership of shares therein, the control of the company is in the hands of a company not being a company to which the provisions of this sub-section apply or of two or more companies none of which is a company to which those provisions apply;
  - (b) a company shall be deemed to be a company in which the public are substantially interested if shares of the company (not being shares entitled to a fixed rate of dividend, whether with or without a further right to participate in profits) carrying not less than twenty-five per cent. of the voting power have been allotted unconditionally to, or acquired unconditionally by, and are at the end of the previous year beneficially held by, the public (not including a company to which the provisions of this sub-section apply), and if any such shares have in the course of such previous year been the subject of dealings in any stock exchange in British India or are in fact freely transferable by the holders to other members of the public;
  - (c) unless the contrary is proved, a company shall be deemed to be under the control of any person where the majority of the voting power or shares is in the hands of those persons or of relatives or nominees of those persons;
  - (d) “nominee” means a person who may be required to exercise his voting power on the directions of, or holds shares directly or indirectly on behalf of, another person.
- (3) The Assistant Commissioner shall not give his approval to any order proposed to be passed by the Income-tax Officer under this section until he has given the firm, association or company concerned an opportunity of being heard.
- (4) (i) Where any member of a firm or association of individuals makes default in the payment of tax on his share of profits and gains which has been included in his total income under the provisions of sub-section (1), such tax may be recovered from the firm or association, as the case may be.
- (ii) Where the proportionate share of any member of a company in the undistributed profits and gains of the company has been included in his total income under the provisions of sub-section (2), the tax payable in respect thereof shall be recoverable from the company and may be recovered from such member, if there are not sufficient funds in

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the hands of the company to pay the tax, or if the winding up of the company has commenced.

(iii) Where tax is recoverable from a company, firm or other association under this sub-section, a notice of demand shall be served upon it in the prescribed form showing the sum so payable, and such company, firm or association shall be deemed to be the assessee in respect of such sum, for the purposes of Chapter VI.

(5) Where tax has been paid in respect of any undistributed profits and gains of a company under this section, and such profits and gains are subsequently distributed in any year, the proportionate share therein of any member of the company shall be excluded in computing his total income of that year.]

**Set-off of loss in computing aggregate income.**

24. (1) Where any assessee sustains a loss of profits or gains in any year under any of the heads mentioned in section 6, he shall be entitled to have the amount of the loss set off against his income, profits or gains under any other head in that year.

(2) Where the assessee is a registered firm, and the loss sustained cannot wholly be set off under sub-section (1), any member of such firm [or any person who being a minor has been admitted to the benefits of partnership in such firm] shall be entitled to have set off against any income, profits or gains of the year in which the loss was sustained in respect of which the tax is payable by him such amount of the loss not already set off as is proportionate to his share in the firm [or to his share of the benefits of partnership, as the case may be].

**Assessment in case of departure from British India.**

[24A. (1) When it appears to the Income-tax Officer that any person may leave British India during the current financial year, or shortly after its expiry, and that he has no present intention of returning, the Income-tax Officer may proceed to assess him on his total income for the period from the expiry of the last previous year for which he has been assessed to the probable date of his departure from British India. For each completed previous year included in this period an assessment shall be made on the total income of such person at the rate at which it would have been charged had such income been fully assessed, and for the period from the expiry of the last of such previous years to the probable date of departure, the Income-tax Officer shall estimate the total income of such person and assess it at the rate in force for the financial year in which such assessment is made:

Provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise an Income-tax Officer to assess any income, profits or gains which have escaped assessment or have been assessed at too low a rate in respect of which he is debarred from issuing a notice under section 34.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933).  
s. 10.

<sup>2</sup> Ss. 24A and 24B were ins. by s. 11, *ibid.*

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(2) For the purpose of making an assessment under sub-section (1), the Income-tax Officer may serve a notice upon such person requiring him to furnish, within such time not being less than seven days as may be specified in the notice, a return in the same form and verified in the same manner as a return under sub-section (2) of section 22, setting forth (along with such other particulars as may be provided for in the notice) his total income for each of the completed previous years comprised in the period first referred to in sub-section (1) and his estimated total income for the period from the expiry of the last such completed previous year to the probable date of his departure; and the provisions of this Act shall, so far as may be, apply as if the notice were a notice issued under sub-section (2) of section 22.

**24B.** (1) Where a person dies, his executor, administrator or other legal representative shall be liable to pay out of the estate of the deceased person to the extent to which the estate is capable of meeting the charge by the tax assessed as payable by such person, or any tax which would have been payable by him under this Act if he had not died.

(2) Where a person dies before he is served with a notice under sub-section (2) of section 22 or section 34, as the case may be, the Income-tax Officer may serve on his executor, administrator or other legal representative a notice under sub-section (2) of section 22 or under section 34, as the case may be, and may proceed to assess the total income of the deceased person as if such executor, administrator or other legal representative were the assessee.

(3) Where a person dies, without having furnished a return which he has been required to furnish under the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 22, or having furnished a return which the Income-tax Officer has reason to believe to be incorrect or incomplete, the Income-tax Officer may make an assessment of the total income of such person and determine the tax payable by him on the basis of such assessment, and for this purpose may require from the executor, administrator or other legal representative of the deceased person any accounts, documents or other evidence which he might under the provisions of sections 22 and 23 have required from the deceased person.]

**25.** (1) Where any business, profession or vocation <sup>1</sup>[on which Assessment of income-tax was not at any time charged under the provisions of the <sup>in case of discontinued</sup> <sup>2</sup>Indian Income-tax Act, 1918], is discontinued in any year, an assessment may be made in that year on basis of the income, profits or gains of the period between the end of the previous year and the date of such discontinuance in addition to the assessment, if any, made on the basis of the income, profits or gains of the previous year.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1924 (11 of 1924), s. 6, for "commenced after the 31st day of March, 1922".

<sup>2</sup> Rep. by this Act.

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(2) Any person discontinuing any such business, profession or vocation shall give to the Income-tax Officer notice of such discontinuance within fifteen days thereof, and, where any person fails to give the notice required by this sub-section, the Income-tax Officer may direct that a sum shall be recovered from him by way of penalty not exceeding the amount of tax subsequently assessed on him in respect of any income, profits or gains of the business, profession or vocation up to the date of its discontinuance.

(3) Where any business, profession or vocation <sup>1\*</sup> \* \* on which tax was at any time charged under the provisions of the <sup>2</sup>Indian Income-tax Act, 1918, is discontinued, no tax shall be payable in respect of VII of 1918. the income, profits and gains of the period between the end of the previous year and the date of such discontinuance, and the assessee may further claim that the income, profits and gains of the previous year shall be deemed to have been the income, profits and gains of the said period. Where any such claim is made, an assessment shall be made on the basis of the income, profits and gains of the said period, and if an amount of tax has already been paid in respect of the income, profits and gains of the previous year exceeding the amount payable on the basis of such assessment, a refund shall be given of the difference.

(4) Where an assessment is to be made under sub-section (1) or sub-section (3), the Income-tax Officer may serve on the person whose income, profits and gains are to be assessed, or, in the case of a firm, on any person who was a member of such firm at the time of its discontinuance, or, in the case of a company, on the principal officer thereof, a notice containing all or any of the requirements which may be included in a notice under sub-section (2) of section 22, and the provisions of this Act shall, so far as may be, apply accordingly as if the notice were a notice issued under that sub-section.

Assessment  
after parti-  
tion of a  
Hindu  
undivided  
family.

<sup>3</sup>[25A. (1) Where, at the time of making an assessment under section 23, it is claimed by or on behalf of any member of a Hindu family hitherto <sup>4</sup>[assessed as] undivided that a partition has taken place among the members of such family, the Income-tax Officer shall make such inquiry thereinto as he may think fit, and, if he is satisfied that a separation of the members of the family has taken place and that the joint family property has been partitioned among the various members or groups of members in definite portions <sup>5\*</sup> \* \* he shall record an order to that effect:

<sup>1</sup> The words "which was in existence at the commencement of this Act, and" rep. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1924 (11 of 1924), s. 6.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. by this Act.

<sup>3</sup> S. 25A was ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1928 (3 of 1928), s. 4.

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 3.

<sup>5</sup> The words "before the end of the previous year" rep. by s. 3, *ibid.*

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Provided that no such order shall be recorded until notices of the inquiry have been served on all the members of the family.

(2) Where such an order has been passed, the Income-tax Officer shall make an assessment of the total income received by or on behalf of the joint family as such, as if no separation or partition had taken place, and each member or group of members shall, in addition to any income-tax for which he or it may be separately liable and notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) of section 14, be liable for a share of the tax on the income so assessed according to the portion of the joint family property allotted to him or it;

and the Income-tax Officer shall make assessments accordingly on the various members and groups of members in accordance with the provisions of section 23:

Provided that all the separated members and groups of members shall be liable jointly and severally for the tax assessed on the total income received by or on behalf of the joint family as such.]

<sup>1</sup>[(3) Where such an order has not been passed in respect of a Hindu family hitherto assessed as undivided, such family shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Act, to continue to be a Hindu undivided family.]

<sup>2</sup>[26. (1) Where, at the time of making an assessment under section 23, it is found that a change has occurred in the constitution of a firm or that a firm has been newly constituted, the assessments on the firm and on the members thereof shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be made as if the firm had been constituted throughout the previous year as it is constituted at the time of making the assessment, and as if each member had received a share of the profits of that year proportionate to his interest in the firm at the time of making the assessment. Change in constitution of a firm.

(2) Where, at the time of making an assessment under section 23, it is found that the person carrying on any business, profession or vocation has been succeeded in such capacity by another person, the assessment shall be made on such person succeeding, as if he had been carrying on the business, profession or vocation throughout the previous year, and as if he had received the whole of the profits for that year.]

<sup>3</sup>[26A. (1) Application may be made to the Income-tax Officer on behalf of any firm, constituted under an instrument of partnership specifying the individual shares of the partners, for registration for the purposes of this Act and of any other enactment for the time being in force relating to income-tax or super-tax. Procedure in registration of firms.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1928 (3 of 1928), s. 5, for the original section.

<sup>3</sup> S. 26A was ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1930 (21 of 1930), s. 5.

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(2) The application shall be made by such person or persons, and at such times and shall contain such particulars and shall be in such form, and be verified in such manner, as may be prescribed; and it shall be dealt with by the Income-tax Officer in such manner as may be prescribed.]

Cancellation  
of assess-  
ment when  
cause is  
shown.

**27.** Where an assessee or, in the case of a company, the principal officer thereof, within one month from the service of a notice of demand issued as hereinafter provided, satisfies the Income-tax Officer that he was prevented by sufficient cause from making the return required by section 22, or that he did not receive the notice issued under sub-section (4) of section 22, or sub-section (2) of section 23, or that he had not a reasonable opportunity to comply, or was prevented by sufficient cause from complying, with the terms of the last-mentioned notices, the Income-tax Officer shall cancel the assessment and proceed to make a fresh assessment in accordance with the provisions of section 23.

Penalty for  
concealment  
of income or  
improper  
distribution  
of profits.

<sup>1</sup>[**28.** (1) If the Income-tax Officer, the Assistant Commissioner or the Commissioner, in the course of any proceedings under this Act, is satisfied that an assessee has concealed the particulars of his income or has deliberately furnished inaccurate particulars of such income, and has thereby returned it below its real amount, he may direct that the assessee shall, in addition to the income-tax payable by him, pay by way of penalty a sum not exceeding the amount of the income-tax which would have been avoided if the income so returned by the assessee had been accepted as the correct income.

(2) If the Income-tax Officer, the Assistant Commissioner or the Commissioner, in the course of any proceedings under this Act, is satisfied that the profits of a registered firm have been distributed otherwise than in accordance with the shares of the partners as shown in the instrument of partnership registered under this Act governing such distribution, and that any partner has thereby returned his income below its real amount, he may direct that such partner shall, in addition to the income-tax payable by him, pay by way of penalty a sum not exceeding the amount of income-tax which has been avoided, or would have been avoided if the income returned by such partner had been accepted as his correct income; and no refund or other adjustment shall be claimable by any other partner by reason of such direction.

(3) No order shall be made under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), unless the assessee or partner, as the case may be, has been heard, or has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(4) No prosecution for an offence against this Act shall be instituted in respect of the same facts on which a penalty has been imposed under this section.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1930 (21 of 1930), s. 6, for the original section.

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(5) An Assistant Commissioner or a Commissioner, who has made an order under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), shall forthwith send a copy of the same to the Income-tax Officer.]

29. When the Income-tax Officer has determined a sum to be payable by an assessee under section 23, or when an order has been passed under sub-section (2) of section 25 or section 28 for the payment of a penalty, the Income-tax Officer shall serve on the assessee a notice of demand in the prescribed form specifying the sum so payable.

30. (1) Any assessee objecting to the amount or rate at which he is assessed under section 23 or section 27, or denying his liability to be assessed under this Act, or objecting to a refusal of an Income-tax Officer under this <sup>Appeal against assessment</sup>  
<sup>Act.</sup> <sup>1</sup>[to register a firm under section 26A or] to make a fresh assessment under section 27 or to any order against him under sub-section (2) of section 25 <sup>2</sup>[or section 25A] or section 28, made by an Income-tax Officer, may appeal to the Assistant Commissioner against the assessment or against such refusal or order:

Provided that no appeal shall lie in respect of an assessment made under sub-section (4) of section 23, or under that sub-section read with section 27.

(2) The appeal shall ordinarily be presented within thirty days of receipt of the notice of demand relating to the assessment or penalty objected to <sup>1</sup>[or of the intimation of the refusal <sup>3</sup>[to pass an order under sub-section (1) of section 25A, or] to register a firm under section 26A] or of the date of the refusal to make a fresh assessment under section 27, as the case may be; but the Assistant Commissioner may admit an appeal after the expiration of the period if he is satisfied that the appellant had sufficient cause for not presenting it within that period.

(3) The appeal shall be in the prescribed form and shall be verified in the prescribed manner.

31. (1) The Assistant Commissioner shall fix a day and place for Hearing of the hearing of the appeal, and may from time to time adjourn the <sup>appeal</sup> hearing.

(2) The Assistant Commissioner may, before disposing of any appeal, make such further inquiry as he thinks fit, or cause further inquiry to be made by the Income-tax Officer.

(3) In disposing of an appeal the Assistant Commissioner may, in the case of an order of assessment,—

- (a) confirm, reduce, enhance or annul the assessment, or
- (b) set aside the assessment and direct the Income-tax Officer to make a fresh assessment after making such further

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 12.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 4.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1937 (20 of 1937), s. 2 and Sch. I.

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inquiry as the Income-tax Officer thinks fit or the Assistant Commissioner may direct, and the Income-tax Officer shall thereupon proceed to make such fresh assessment.

<sup>1</sup>[or, in the case of an order refusing <sup>2</sup>[to register a firm under section 26A or] to make a fresh assessment under section 27,

(c) confirm such order, or cancel it and direct the Income-tax Officer <sup>3</sup>[to register the firm or to make a fresh assessment, as the case may be],]

or, in the case of an order under sub-section (2) of section 25 or section 28, <sup>4</sup>[(d)] confirm, cancel or vary such order:

Provided that the Assistant Commissioner shall not enhance an assessment unless the appellant has had a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against such enhancement.

Appeals  
against  
orders of  
Assistant  
Commissioner.

32. (1) Any assessee objecting to an order passed by an Assistant Commissioner under section 28 or to an order enhancing his assessment under sub-section (3) of section 31, may appeal to the Commissioner within thirty days of <sup>5</sup>[the date on which he was served with notice of such order].

(2) The appeal shall be in the prescribed form, and shall be verified in the prescribed manner.

(3) In disposing of the appeal the Commissioner may, after giving the appellant an opportunity of being heard, pass such orders thereon as he thinks fit.

Power of  
revision.

33. (1) The Commissioner may of his own motion call for the record of any proceeding under this Act which has been taken by any authority subordinate to him or by himself when exercising the powers of an Assistant Commissioner under sub-section (4) of section 5.

(2) On receipt of the record the Commissioner may make such inquiry or cause such inquiry to be made and, subject to the provisions of this Act, may pass such orders thereon as he thinks fit:

Provided that he shall not pass any order prejudicial to an assessee without hearing him or giving him a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

Reference to  
Board of  
Referees.

<sup>6</sup>[33A. (1) Any person aggrieved by an order of an Income-tax Officer under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of section 23A may, within thirty days of the date on which he was served with notice of such order, lodge an appeal in the office of the Commissioner.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 5.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 12.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 13, *ibid.*, for "to make a fresh assessment".

<sup>4</sup> The original cl. (c) was re-lettered (d) by Act 22 of 1930, s. 5.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by Act 18 of 1933, s. 14, for "the making of such order".

<sup>6</sup> S. 33A was ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1930 (21 of 1930), s. 7.

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(2) The appeal shall be in the prescribed form and shall be verified in the prescribed manner.

(3) The Commissioner shall refer such appeal, with a statement of his own opinion thereon, to a Board of Referees for decision; and the Board of Referees shall decide the appeal after hearing the appellant and any person deputed by the Commissioner:

Provided that, before making a reference to a Board of Referees, the Commissioner may, and at the request of the appellant shall, in exercise of his powers of revision under section 33, decide the matters in dispute and thereupon the assessee may withdraw his appeal or proceed with it.

(4) The decision of the Board of Referees shall be forwarded to the Commissioner who shall transmit it to the Income-tax Officer who passed the original order, and shall also send copies to each Income-tax Officer who has made any assessment consequent upon such order; and where a decision reverses or modifies the order of the Income-tax Officer, fresh assessments shall be made in accordance therewith, or such consequential adjustments as may be required shall be made in any assessment already made.

(5) The decision of a Board of Referees shall not be subject to appeal to any Income-tax authority, and shall not be revised by the Commissioner in exercise of his powers under section 33.

(6) A Board of Referees shall consist of not less than three and not more than five persons, of whom not less than one-half shall be non-officials having business experience, and one shall be a judicial officer not inferior in rank to a Subordinate Judge or a Judge of a Small Cause Court who has held judicial office for a period of not less than ten years.

(7) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (6), the Central Board of Revenue may make rules regulating the formation, composition and procedure of Boards of Referees.]

**34.** If for any reason income, profits or gains chargeable to income-  
tax has escaped assessment in any year, or has been assessed at too low  
a rate, the Income-tax Officer may, at any time within one year of the  
end of that year, serve on the person liable to pay tax on such income,  
profits or gains, or, in the case of a company, on the principal officer  
thereof, a notice containing all or any of the requirements which may  
be included in a notice under sub-section (2) of section 22, and may  
proceed to assess or re-assess such income, profits or gains, and the pro-  
visions of this Act shall, so far as may be, apply accordingly as if the  
notice were a notice issued under that sub-section : Income  
escaping  
assessment.

Provided that the tax shall be charged at the rate at which it would have been charged had the income, profits or gains not escaped assessment or full assessment, as the case may be.

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Rectification  
of mistake.

**35.** (1) <sup>1</sup>[The Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner may, at any time within one year from the date of any order passed by him in appeal or, in the case of the Commissioner, in revision under section 33 and] the Income-tax Officer may, at any time within one year from the date of any demand made upon an assessee, on his own motion rectify any mistake apparent from the record <sup>2</sup>[of the appeal, revision or assessment, as the case may be], and shall within the like period rectify any such mistake which has been brought to his notice by <sup>3</sup>[the assessee]:

Provided that no such rectification shall be made, having the effect of enhancing an assessment unless <sup>4</sup>[the Commissioner, the Assistant Commissioner or the Income-tax Officer, as the case may be,] has given notice to the assessee of his intention so to do and has allowed him a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(2) Where any such rectification has the effect of reducing the assessment, the Income-tax Officer shall make any refund which may be due to such assessee.

(3) Where any such rectification has the effect of enhancing the assessment, the Income-tax Officer shall serve on the assessee a notice of demand in the prescribed form specifying the sum payable, and such notice of demand shall be deemed to be issued under section 29, and the provisions of this Act shall apply accordingly.

Tax to be  
calculated to  
nearest anna.

**36.** In the determination of the amount of tax or of a refund payable under this Act, fractions of an anna less than six pies shall be disregarded, and fractions of an anna equal to or exceeding six pies shall be regarded as one anna.

Power to  
take  
evidence on  
oath, etc.

**37.** The Income-tax Officer, Assistant Commissioner and Commissioner shall, for the purposes of this Chapter, have the same powers as are vested in a Court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, when <sup>V</sup> of 1908, trying a suit in respect of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath or affirmation;
- (b) compelling the production of documents; and
- (c) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses;

and any proceeding before an Income-tax Officer, Assistant Commissioner or Commissioner under this Chapter shall be deemed to be a “judicial proceeding” within the meaning of sections 193 and 228 <sup>5</sup>[and for the purposes of section 196] of the Indian Penal Code.

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<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1928 (3 of 1928), s. 6.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for “of the assessment”.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for “such assessee”.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for “the Income-tax Officer”.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 6.

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**38.** The Income-tax Officer or Assistant Commissioner may, for the purposes of this Act,—<sup>Power to call for information.</sup>

- (1) require any firm, or Hindu undivided family to furnish him with a return of the members of the firm, or of the manager or adult male members of the family, as the case may be, and of their addresses;
- (2) require any person whom he has reason to believe to be a trustee, guardian, or agent, to furnish him with a return of the names of the persons for or of whom he is trustee, guardian, or agent, and of their addresses;
- <sup>1</sup>[(3) require any person whom he has reason to believe to be engaged in business, to furnish him with a return containing particulars of the location and style of his principal place of business, and of his branch businesses, if any, the names and addresses of his partners in any business, and the extent of his own share and the shares of all such partners in the profits of such business or businesses.]

**39.** The Income-tax Officer or Assistant Commissioner, or any person authorised in writing in this behalf by the Income-tax Officer or Assistant Commissioner, may inspect and, if necessary, take copies, or cause copies to be taken, of any register of the members, debenture-holders or mortgagees of any company or of any entry in such register.<sup>Power to inspect the register of members of any company.</sup>

## CHAPTER V.

### LIABILITY IN SPECIAL CASES.

**40.** In the case of any guardian, trustee or agent of any person being a minor, lunatic or idiot or residing out of British India (all of which persons are hereinafter in this section included in the term beneficiary) being in receipt on behalf of such beneficiary of any income, profits or gains chargeable under this Act, the tax shall be levied upon and recoverable from such guardian, trustee or agent, as the case may be, in like manner and to the same amount as it would be leviable upon and recoverable from any such beneficiary if of full age, sound mind, or resident in British India, and in direct receipt of such income, profits or gains, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply accordingly.<sup>Guardians, trustees and agents.</sup>

**41.** In the case of income, profits or gains chargeable under this Act which are received by the Courts of Wards, the Administrators-General, the Official Trustees or by any receiver or manager (including Courts of Wards, etc.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 15.

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any person whatever his designation who in fact manages property on behalf of another) appointed by or under any order of a Court, the tax shall be levied upon and recoverable from such Court of Wards, Administrator-General, Official Trustee, receiver or manager in the like manner and to the same amount as it would be leviable upon and recoverable from any person on whose behalf such income, profits or gains are received, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply accordingly.

**Non-resi-  
dents.**

42. (1) In the case of any person residing out of British India, all profits or gains accruing or arising, to such person, whether directly or indirectly, through or from any business connection or property in British India, shall be deemed to be income accruing or arising within British India, and shall be chargeable to income-tax in the name of the agent of any such person, and such agent shall be deemed to be, for all the purposes of this Act, the assessee in respect of such income-tax:

Provided that any arrears of tax may be recovered also in accordance with the provisions of this Act from any assets of the non-resident person which are, or may at any time come, within British India.

(2) Where a person not resident in British India, and not being a British subject or a firm or company constituted within His Majesty's dominions or a branch thereof, carries on business with a person resident in British India, and it appears to the Income-tax Officer or the Assistant Commissioner, as the case may be, that owing to the close connection between the resident and the non-resident person and to the substantial control exercised by the non-resident over the resident, the course of business between those persons is so arranged, that the business done by the resident in pursuance of his connection with the non-resident produces to the resident either no profits or less than the ordinary profits which might be expected to arise in that business, the profits derived therefrom or which may reasonably be deemed to have been derived therefrom, shall be chargeable to income-tax in the name of the resident person, who shall be deemed to be, for all the purposes of this Act, the assessee in respect of such income-tax.

<sup>1</sup>[(3) Where any profits or gains have accrued or arisen to any person directly or indirectly from the sale in British India by him or by any agency or branch on his behalf of any merchandise exported to British India by him or any agency or branch on his behalf from any place outside British India, the profits or gains shall be deemed to have accrued and arisen and to have been received in British India, and no allowance shall be made under sub-section (2) of section 10 in respect of any buying or other commission whatsoever not actually paid, or of any other amounts not actually spent, for the purpose of earning such profits or gains.]

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1928 (3 of 1928), s. 7.

(*Chapter V.—Liability in Special Cases. Chapter VA.—Special provisions relating to certain classes of shipping.*)

**43.** Any person employed by or on behalf of a person residing out of British India, or having any business connection with such person, or through whom such person is in the receipt of any income, profits or gains upon whom the Income-tax Officer has caused a notice to be served of his intention of treating him as the agent of the non-resident person shall, for all the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be such agent:

Provided that no person shall be deemed to be the agent of a non-resident person, unless he has had an opportunity of being heard by the Income-tax Officer as to his liability.

**44.** Where any business, profession or vocation carried on by a firm has been discontinued, every person who was at the time of such discontinuance a member of such firm shall be jointly and severally liable for the amount of the tax payable in respect of the income, profits and gains of the firm.

#### <sup>1</sup>[CHAPTER VA.

##### SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN CLASSES OF SHIPPING.

**44A.** The provisions of this Chapter shall, notwithstanding anything contained in the other provisions of this Act, apply for the purpose of the levy and recovery of tax in the case of any person who resides out of British India and carries on business in British India in any year as the owner or charterer of a ship (such person hereinafter in this Chapter being referred to as the principal), unless the Income-tax Officer is satisfied that there is an agent of such principal from whom the tax will be recoverable in the following year under the other provisions of this Act.

**44B.** (1) Before the departure from any port in British India of any ship in respect of which the provisions of this Chapter apply, the master of the ship shall prepare and furnish to the Income-tax Officer a return of the full amount paid or payable to the principal, or to any person on his behalf, on account of the carriage of all passengers, live-stock or goods shipped at that port since the last arrival of the ship thereat.

(2) On receipt of the return, the Income-tax Officer shall assess the amount referred to in sub-section (1), and for this purpose may call for such accounts or documents as he may require, and one-twentieth of the amount so assessed shall be deemed to be the amount of the profits and gains accruing to the principal on account of the carriage of the passengers, live-stock and goods shipped at the port.

<sup>1</sup> Chapter VA was ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Further Amendment) Act, 1923 (27 of 1923), s. 3.

(*Chapter VA.—Special provisions relating to certain classes of shipping.*  
*Chapter VI.—Recovery of Tax and Penalties.*)

(3) When the profits and gains have been assessed as aforesaid, the Income-tax Officer shall determine the sum payable as tax thereon at the rate for the time being applicable to the total income of a company, and such sum shall be payable by the master of the ship, and a port-clearance shall not be granted to the ship until the Customs-collector, or other officer duly authorised to grant the same, is satisfied that the tax has been duly paid.

**Adjustment.** **44C.** Nothing in this Chapter shall be deemed to prevent a principal from claiming, in any year following that in which any payment has been made on his behalf under this Chapter, that an assessment be made of his total income in the previous year, and that the tax payable on the basis thereof be determined in accordance with the other provisions of this Act, and, if he so claims, any such payment as aforesaid shall be treated as a payment in advance of the tax and the difference between the sum so paid, and the amount of tax found payable by him shall be paid by him or refunded to him, as the case may be.]

## CHAPTER VI.

### RECOVERY OF TAX AND PENALTIES.

Tax when payable.

**45.** Any amount specified as payable in a notice of demand <sup>1</sup>[under sub-section (4) of section 23A or] under section 29 or an order under section 31 or section 32 or section 33, shall be paid within the time, at the place and to the person mentioned in the notice or order, or if a time is not so mentioned, then on or before the first day of the second month following the date of the service of the notice or order, and any assessee failing so to pay shall be deemed to be in default, provided that, when an assessee has presented an appeal under section 30 <sup>1</sup>[or under section 33A], the Income-tax Officer may in his discretion treat the assessee as not being in default as long as such appeal is undisposed of.

Mode and time of recovery.

**46.** (1) When an assessee is in default in making a payment of income-tax, the Income-tax Officer may in his discretion direct that, in addition to the amount of the arrears, a sum not exceeding that amount shall be recovered from the assessee by way of penalty.

<sup>2</sup>[(1A) For the purposes of sub-section (1), the Income-tax Officer may direct the recovery of any sum less than the amount of the arrears and may enhance the sum so directed to be recovered from time to time in the case of a continuing default, so however that the total sum so

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1930 (21 of 1930), s. 8.

<sup>2</sup> Sub-section (1A) was ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1928 (3 of 1928), s. 8.

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directed to be recovered shall not exceed the amount of the arrears payable.]

(2) The Income-tax Officer may forward to the Collector a certificate under his signature specifying the amount of arrears due from an assessee, and the Collector, on receipt of such certificate, shall proceed to recover from such assessee the amount specified therein as if it were an arrear of land revenue:

<sup>1</sup>[Provided that without prejudice to any other powers of the Collector in this behalf, he shall for the purpose of recovering the said amount have in respect of the attachment and sale of debts due to the assessee the powers which under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, a Civil Court has in respect of the attachment and sale of debts due to a judgment-debtor for the purpose of the recovery of an amount due under a decree.]

(3) In any area with respect to which the Commissioner has directed that any arrears may be recovered by any process enforceable for the recovery of an arrear of any municipal tax or local rate imposed under any enactment for the time being in force in any part of the Province, the Income-tax Officer may proceed to recover the amount due by such process.

(4) The Commissioner may direct by what authority any powers or duties incident under any such enactment as aforesaid to the enforcement of any process for the recovery of a municipal tax or local rate shall be exercised or performed when that process is employed under sub-section (3).

(5) If any assessee is in receipt of any income chargeable under the head "Salaries", the Income-tax Officer may require any person paying the same to deduct from any payment subsequent to the date of such requisition any arrears due from such assessee, and such person shall comply with any such requisition, and shall pay the sum so deducted to the credit of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government], or as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Board of Revenue] directs.

<sup>4</sup>[(6) If the recovery of income-tax in any area has been entrusted to a Provincial Government under section 124 (1) of the Government of India Act, 1935, the Provincial Government may direct, with respect to that area or any part thereof, that income-tax shall be recovered therein with, and as an addition to, any municipal tax or local rate, by the same person and in the same manner as the municipal tax or local rate is recovered.]

<sup>1</sup> This proviso was ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 16.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. of I."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1924 (4 of 1924), s. 4 and Sch., for "Board of Inland Revenue".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original sub-section.

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(7) Save in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 42, no proceedings for the recovery of any sum payable under this Act shall be commenced after the expiration of one year from the last day of the year in which any demand is made under this Act.

**Recovery of penalties.**

47. Any sum imposed by way of penalty under the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 25, section 28 or sub-section (1) of section 46, shall be recoverable in the manner provided in this Chapter for the recovery of arrear of tax.

## CHAPTER VII.

### REFUNDS.

**Refunds.**

48. (1) If a shareholder in a company who has received any dividend therefrom satisfies the Income-tax Officer <sup>1</sup>[or other authority appointed by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf] that the rate of income-tax applicable to the profits or gains of the company at the time of the declaration of such dividend is greater than the rate applicable to his total income of the year in which such dividend was declared, <sup>3</sup>[or that his total income in such year is below the minimum chargeable with income-tax,] he shall, on production of the certificate received by him under the provisions of section 20, be entitled to a refund on the amount of such dividend (including the amount of the tax thereon) calculated at the difference between those rates <sup>3</sup>[or at the rate applicable to the profits and gains of the company at the time of the declaration of such dividend, as the case may be].

(2) If a member of a registered firm <sup>3</sup>[or any person who being a minor has been admitted to the benefits of partnership in such firm], satisfies the Income-tax Officer <sup>1</sup>[or other authority appointed by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf] that the rate of income-tax applicable to his total income of the previous year was less than the rate at which income-tax has been levied on the profits or gains of the firm of that year, <sup>3</sup>[or that his total income of the previous year was below the minimum chargeable with income-tax,] he shall be entitled to a refund on his share of those profits or gains calculated at the difference between those rates <sup>3</sup>[or at the rate at which income-tax has been levied, as the case may be].

(3) If the owner of a security from the interest on which, or any person from whose salary, income-tax has been deducted in accordance

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 7.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 17.

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with the provisions of section 18, satisfies the Income-tax Officer <sup>1</sup>[or other authority appointed by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf] that the rate of income-tax applicable to his total income of the previous year was less than the rate at which income-tax has been charged in making such deduction in that year, <sup>3</sup>[or that his total income of the previous year was below the minimum chargeable with income-tax,] he shall be entitled to a refund on the amount of interest or salary from which such deduction has been made calculated at the difference between those rates <sup>3</sup>[or at the rate at which income-tax has been deducted, as the case may be].

<sup>4</sup>[(3A) Where the shareholder referred to in sub-section (1), or the member of a registered firm or the minor admitted to the benefits of partnership referred to in sub-section (2), or the owner of a security referred to in sub-section (3), is a person whose income is included under the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 16 in the total income of another person, the provisions of sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) shall apply as if that person were himself the person entitled to a refund under those sub-sections.]

<sup>5</sup>[(4) For the purposes of this section, "total income" includes, in the case of any person not resident in British India, all income, profits and gains wherever arising, accruing or received, which, if arising, accruing or received in British India, would be included in the computation of total income under section 16.

(5) Nothing in this section shall entitle to any refund any person not resident in British India who is neither a British subject as defined in section 27 of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, nor a subject of a State in India.]

4 & 5 Geo.  
5, c. 17.

<sup>6</sup>[(4A) (1) If in any case not provided for by section 48 or by the General provisions relating to refunds elsewhere contained in this Act the Income-tax Officer is satisfied, upon claim made in this behalf, that tax refunds power to make have been paid by or on behalf of any person with which he was not properly chargeable or which was in excess of the amount with which he was properly chargeable, the Income-tax Officer shall allow a refund to such person of the amount so paid or so paid in excess.

(2) The Assistant Commissioner in the exercise of his appellate powers, or the Commissioner in the exercise of his appellate powers or powers of revision if satisfied to the like effect shall in like manner

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 7.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 17.

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1937 (4 of 1937), s. 4.

<sup>5</sup> Sub-sections (4) and (5) were ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1928 (3 of 1928), s. 9.

<sup>6</sup> S. 48A was ins. by Act 18 of 1933, s. 18.

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cause a refund to be made by the Income-tax Officer of any amount found to have been wrongly paid or paid in excess.

(3) Nothing in this section shall operate to validate any objection or appeal which is otherwise invalid or to authorise the revision of any assessment or other matter which has become final and conclusive, or the review by any officer of a decision of his own which is subject to appeal or revision, or where any relief is specifically provided elsewhere in this Act, to entitle any person to any relief other or greater than that relief.]

Relief in  
respect of  
United  
Kingdom  
income-tax.

**49.** (1) If any person who has paid Indian income-tax for any year on any part of his income proves to the satisfaction of the Income-tax Officer that he has paid United Kingdom income-tax for that year in respect of the same part of his income and that the rate at which he was entitled to, and has obtained, relief under the provisions of section 27 of the Finance Act, 1920, is less than the Indian rate of tax charged in 10 & 11 Geo. 5, c. 18. respect of that part of his income, he shall be entitled to a refund of a sum calculated on that part of his income at a rate equal to the difference between the Indian rate of tax [or the appropriate rate of United Kingdom income-tax, whichever is less,] and the rate at which he was entitled to, and obtained, relief under that section.

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(2) In sub-section (1)—

(a) the expression "Indian income-tax" means income-tax and super-tax charged in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

(b) the expression "Indian rate of tax" means the amount of the Indian income-tax divided by the income on which it was charged;

(c) the expression "United Kingdom income-tax" means income-tax and super-tax chargeable in accordance with the provisions of the Income-tax Acts;

[<sup>1</sup>(d) the expression "appropriate rate of United Kingdom income-tax" has the meaning assigned to that expression in section 27 of the Finance Act, 1920, as amended by the 10 & 11 Geo. 5, c. 18. Finance Act, 1927.]

Power to set  
off amount  
of refunds  
against tax  
remaining  
payable.

<sup>2</sup>[**49A.** Where under any of the provisions of this Act, a refund is found to be due to any person, the Income-tax Officer, Assistant Commissioner or Commissioner, as the case may be, may, in lieu of payment of the refund, set off the amount to be refunded, or any part of that

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1934 (29 of 1934), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Proviso to s. 49 (1) rep. by s. 2, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Ss. 49A and 49B were ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 19.

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amount against the tax, if any, remaining payable by the person to whom the refund is due.

**49B.** Where through death, incapacity, bankruptcy, liquidation or other cause, a person who would but for such cause have been entitled to a refund under any of the provisions of this Act, or to make a claim under section 48 or 48A or 49, is unable to receive such refund or to make such claim, his executor, administrator or other legal representative, or the trustee or receiver, as the case may be, shall be entitled to receive such refund or to make such claim for the benefit of such person or his estate.]

**50.** No claim to any refund of income-tax under this Chapter shall be allowed, unless it is made within one year from the last day of the year in which the tax was recovered <sup>1</sup>[or before the last day of the financial year commencing after the expiry of the previous year, as defined in clause (11) of section 2, in which the income arose on which the tax was recovered, whichever period may expire later]:

<sup>1</sup>[Provided that a claim to refund under section 49 may be admitted after the period of limitation herein prescribed, when the applicant satisfies the Commissioner, or an Assistant Commissioner of Income-tax specially empowered in this behalf by the Central Board of Revenue, that he had sufficient cause for not making the claim within such period.]

<sup>2</sup>[**50A.** (1) Any person objecting to a refusal of an Income-tax Appeal Officer to allow a claim to a refund under section 48 or 48A or 49 or to the amount of the refund made in any such case, may appeal to the Assistant Commissioner.

(2) The appeal shall be presented within thirty days of the date on which the refusal of the refund or the amount of the refund allowed was communicated to the appellant.

(3) The appeal shall be made in the prescribed form and shall be verified in the prescribed manner.

(4) The Assistant Commissioner may, after giving the appellant an opportunity of being heard, pass such orders as he thinks fit.]

## CHAPTER VIII.

### OFFENCES AND PENALTIES..

**51.** If a person fails without reasonable cause or excuse—

(a) to deduct and pay any tax as required by section 18 or under sub-section (5) of section 46;

Failure to  
make  
payments  
or deliver

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 8.

<sup>2</sup> S. 50A was ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 20.

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returns or statements or allow inspection.

- (b) to furnish a certificate required by sub-section (9) of section 18 or by section 20 to be furnished;
- (c) to furnish in due time any of the returns mentioned in <sup>1</sup>[section 19A,] <sup>2</sup>[section 20A], section 21, section 22, or section 38;
- (d) to produce, or cause to be produced, on or before the date mentioned in any notice under sub-section (4) of section 22, such accounts and documents as are referred to in the notice;
- (e) to grant inspection or allow copies to be taken in accordance with the provisions of section 39;

he shall, on conviction before a Magistrate, be punishable with fine which may extend to ten rupees for every day during which the default continues.

False statement in declaration.

**52.** If a person makes a statement in a verification mentioned in <sup>3</sup>[section 19A or] <sup>4</sup>[section 20A or] section 22 <sup>5</sup>[or sub-section (2) of section 26A] or sub-section (3) of section 30, or sub-section (2) of section 32 <sup>5</sup>[or sub-section (2) of section 33A] <sup>4</sup>[or sub-section (3) of section 50A], which is false, and which he either knows or believes to be false, or does not believe to be true, he shall be deemed to have committed the offence described in section 177 of the Indian Penal Code.

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Prosecution to be at instance of Assistant Commissioner.

**53.** (1) A person shall not be proceeded against for an offence under section 51 or section 52 except at the instance of the Assistant Commissioner.

(2) The Assistant Commissioner may stay any such proceeding or compound any such offence.

Disclosure of information by a public servant.

**54.** (1) All particulars contained in any statement made, return furnished or accounts or documents produced under the provisions of this Act, or in any evidence given, or affidavit or deposition made, in the course of any proceedings under this Act other than proceedings under this Chapter, or in any record of any assessment proceeding, or any proceeding relating to the recovery of a demand, prepared for the purposes of this Act, shall be treated as confidential, and notwithstanding anything contained in the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, no Court shall, <sup>I of 1872.</sup> save as provided in this Act, be entitled to require any public servant to produce before it any such return, accounts, documents or record or any part of any such record, or to give evidence before it in respect thereof.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1926 (24 of 1926), s. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 21.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by Act 24 of 1926, s. 4.

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by Act 18 of 1933, s. 22.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1930 (21 of 1930), s. 9.

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(2) If a public servant discloses any particulars contained in any such statement, return, accounts, documents, evidence, affidavit, deposition or record, he shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months, and shall also be liable to fine:

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to the disclosure—

(a) of any such particulars for the purposes of a prosecution under <sup>1\*</sup> \* the Indian Penal Code in respect of any such statement, return, accounts, documents, evidence, affidavit or deposition, or for the purposes of a prosecution under this Act, or

(b) of any such particulars to any person acting in the execution of this Act where it is necessary to disclose the same to him for the purposes of this Act, or

(c) of any such particulars occasioned by the lawful employment under this Act of any process for the service of any notice or the recovery of any demand, or

<sup>2</sup>[(cc) of any such particulars occasioned by the lawful exercise by a public servant of his powers under the Indian Stamp Act, 1899, to impound an insufficiently stamped document, or]

(d) of such facts, to an authorised officer of the United Kingdom, as may be necessary to enable relief to be given under section 27 of the Finance Act, 1920, or a refund to be given under section 49 of this Act:

<sup>3</sup>[Provided, further, that nothing in this section shall apply to the production by a public servant before a Court of any document, declaration or affidavit filed, or the record of any statement or deposition made, in a proceeding under section 26A, or to the giving of evidence by a public servant in respect thereof:]

Provided, further, that no prosecution shall be instituted under this section except with the previous sanction of the Commissioner.

## CHAPTER IX.

### SUPER-TAX.

55. In addition to the income-tax charged for any year, there shall be charged, levied and paid for that year in respect of the total income

Charge of  
super-tax.

<sup>1</sup> The words and figures "section 193 of" were rep. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 9.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 23.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1930 (21 of 1930), s. 10.

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of the previous year of any <sup>1</sup>[individual, Hindu undivided family, company, unregistered firm or other association of individuals, not being a registered firm], an additional duty of income-tax (in this Act referred to as super-tax) at the rate or rates laid down for that year by Act<sup>2</sup> of the <sup>3</sup>[Central Legislature]:

Provided that, where the profits and gains of an unregistered firm have been assessed to super-tax, super-tax shall not be payable by an individual having a share in the firm in respect of the amount of such profits and gains which is proportionate to his share.

Total income for purposes of super-tax.

**56.** Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, the total income of any <sup>1</sup>[individual, Hindu undivided family, company, unregistered firm or other association of individuals] shall, for the purposes of super-tax, be the total income as assessed for the purposes of income-tax, and where an assessment of total income has become final and conclusive for the purposes of income-tax for any year, the assessment shall also be final and conclusive for the purposes of super-tax for the same year.

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Non-resident partners.

**57. (1)** In the case of any <sup>5</sup>[person] residing out of British India who is a member of a registered firm, and whose share of the profits from such firm is liable to super-tax, the remaining members of such firm who are resident in British India shall be jointly and severally liable to pay the super-tax due from the non-resident member in respect of such share.

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<sup>6</sup>[(2)] Where any person pays any tax under the provisions of this section on account of <sup>7</sup>[another person] who is residing out of British India, credit shall be given therefor in determining the amount of the tax to be payable by any agent of such non-resident <sup>5</sup>[person] under the provisions of sections 42 and 43.

Application of Act to super-tax.

**58. (1)** All the provisions of this Act, <sup>8</sup>[relating to the charge, assessment, collection and recovery of income-tax except those contained

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1924 (11 of 1924), ss. 7 and 8, for "individual, unregistered firm, Hindu undivided family or company". These amendments have retrospective effect from 1st April, 1923; see s. 11, *ibid.*

<sup>2</sup> For the rates at which super-tax should be charged, see the annual Indian Finance Acts.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Indian Legislature".

<sup>4</sup> The proviso was rep. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1928 (3 of 1928), s. 10.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1926 (24 of 1926), s. 5, for "assessee".

<sup>6</sup> Sub-sections (2) and (3) were rep., and sub-section (4) was re-numbered (2), by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 24.

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by Act 24 of 1926, s. 5, for "an assessee".

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by Act 18 of 1933, s. 25, for "except".

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in] section 3, the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 7, <sup>1</sup>[the second and third provisos to section 8,] sub-section (2) of section 14, and sections 15, 17, <sup>2\*</sup> 19, 20, 21, <sup>3</sup>[48, 58F and sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 58G] shall apply, so far as may be, to the charge, assessment, collection and recovery of super-tax.

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(2) Save as provided in <sup>5</sup>[sub-sections (3A), (3B), (3C) and (3D) of section 18,] section 57 <sup>6</sup>[and section 58H], super-tax shall be payable by the assessee direct.

### [CHAPTER IXA.

#### SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN CLASSES OF PROVIDENT FUNDS.

**58A.** In this Chapter, unless there is anything repugnant in the Definitions. subject or context,—

- (a) a “recognised provident fund” means a provident fund which has been and continues to be recognised by the Commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter;
- (b) an “employer” means—
  - (i) a Hindu undivided family, company, firm or other association of individuals or persons, or
  - (ii) an individual engaged in a business, profession or vocation whereof the profits and gains are assessable to income-tax under section 10 or section 11,
 maintaining a provident fund for the benefit of his or its employees;
- (c) an “employee” means an employee participating in a provident fund, but does not include a personal or domestic servant;
- (d) a “contribution” means any sum credited by or on behalf of any employee out of his salary, or by an employer out of his own monies, to the individual account of an employee, but does not include any sum credited as interest;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 25, for “the provisos to section 8”.

<sup>2</sup> The figures “18” were rep. by s. 25, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 25, *ibid.*, for “and 48”.

<sup>4</sup> The proviso was rep. by s. 25, *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by s. 25, *ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Provident Funds Relief) Act, 1929 (12 of 1929), s. 4.

<sup>7</sup> Ch. IXA was ins. by s. 5, *ibid.*

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- (e) the “balance to the credit” of an employee means the total amount to the credit of his individual account in a provident fund at any time;
- (f) the “annual accretion” to the balance to the credit of an employee means the increase to such balance in any year, arising from contributions and interest;
- (g) the “accumulated balance due” to an employee means the balance to his credit, or such portion thereof as may be claimable by him under the regulations of the fund, on the day he ceases to be an employee of the employer maintaining the fund; and
- (h) the “regulations of a fund” means the special body of regulations governing the constitution and administration of a particular provident fund.

The according and withdrawal of recognition.

**58B.** (1) The Commissioner of Income-tax may accord recognition to any provident fund which, in his opinion, satisfies the conditions prescribed in section 58C and the rules made thereunder, and may, at any time, withdraw such recognition if, in his opinion, the provident fund contravenes any of those conditions.

(2) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, at <sup>2</sup>[its] discretion, direct the Commissioner of Income-tax to refuse to accord recognition to any provident fund, or may, at any time, withdraw recognition from any recognised provident fund.

(3) An order according recognition shall take effect on such date as the Commissioner may fix in accordance with any rules the Central Board of Revenue may make in this behalf, such date not being later than the last day of the financial year in which the order is made.

(4) An order withdrawing recognition shall take effect from the day on which it is made.

(5) An employer objecting to an order of the Commissioner refusing to recognise a provident fund may appeal, within sixty days of such order, to the Central Board of Revenue.

The appeal shall be in the form and shall be verified in the manner prescribed by the Central Board of Revenue.

Conditions to be satisfied by a recognised provident fund.

**58C.** (1) In order that a provident fund may receive and retain recognition, it shall satisfy the conditions set out below and any other conditions which the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by rule, prescribe—

- (a) All employees shall be employed in India, or shall be employed by an employer whose principal place of business is in British India.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “his”.

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- (b) The contributions of an employee in any year shall be a definite proportion of his salary for that year, and shall be deducted by the employer from the employee's salary in that proportion, at each periodical payment of such salary in that year, and credited to the employee's individual account in the fund.
  - (c) Subject to the provisions of section 58D, the contributions of an employer to the individual account of an employee in any year shall not exceed the amount of the contributions of the employee in that year, and shall be credited to the employee's individual account at intervals not exceeding one year.
  - (d) The fund shall consist of contributions as above specified, of accumulations thereof, and of interest (simple and compound), credited in respect of such contributions and accumulations, and of securities purchased therewith, and of no other sums.
  - (e) The fund shall be vested in two or more trustees <sup>1</sup>[or in the Official Trustee] under a trust which shall not be revocable save with the consent of all the beneficiaries.
  - (f) The employer shall not be entitled to recover any sum whatsoever from the fund, save in cases where the employee is dismissed for misconduct or voluntarily leaves his employment otherwise than on account of ill-health or other unavoidable cause before the expiration of the term of service specified in this behalf in the regulations of the fund.  
In such cases the recoveries made by the employer shall be limited to the contributions made by him to the individual account of the employee, and to interest (simple and compound) credited in respect of such contributions and accumulations thereof, in accordance with the regulations of the fund.
  - (g) The accumulated balance due to an employee shall be payable on the day he ceases to be an employee of the employer maintaining the fund.
  - (h) Save as provided in clause (g), or in accordance with such conditions and restrictions as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by rules, prescribe, no portion of the balance to the credit of an employee shall be payable to him.
- (2) Where there is a repugnance between any regulation of a recognised provident fund and any provision of this Chapter or of the rules

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1931 (4 of 1931), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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made thereunder, the regulation shall, to the extent of the repugnance, be of no effect.

The Commissioner may, at any time, require that such repugnance shall be removed from the regulations of the fund.

Power to relax restrictions of employer's contributions in certain cases.

**58D.** Subject to any rules which the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may make in this behalf, the Commissioner may, in respect of any particular fund, relax the provisions of condition (c) of sub-section (1) of section 58C—

(a) so as to permit the payment of larger contributions by an employer to the individual accounts of employees whose salary does not exceed five hundred rupees per mensem; and

(b) so as to permit the crediting by employers to the individual accounts of employees of periodical bonuses or other contributions of a contingent nature, where the calculation and payment of such bonuses or other contributions is provided for on definite principles by the regulations of the fund.

Annual accretion deemed to be income received.

**58E.** The annual accretion in any year to the balance at the credit of an employee participating in a recognised provident fund shall be deemed to have been received by him in that year and shall be included in his total income for that year, and, subject to the exemptions specified in section 58F, shall be liable to income-tax and super-tax:

Provided that, for the purpose of sub-section (3) of section 15, out of such annual accretion only the employee's own contributions shall be included in his total income.

Exemption of annual accretion from income-tax.

**58F.** (1) An employee shall not be liable to pay income-tax on contributions to his individual account in a recognised provident fund, in so far as the aggregate of such contributions in any year does not exceed one-sixth of his salary in that year.

(2) In the accounts of a recognised provident fund, the contributions exempted from income-tax under sub-section (1) and accumulations thereof shall be shown separately, and interest thereon shall be calculated and shown separately. Such interest shall be exempt from payment of income-tax, in so far as it is allowed at a rate not exceeding such rate as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], fix in this behalf.

Exemption of accumulated

**58G.** <sup>3</sup>[(1) Where the accumulated balance due to an employee participating in a recognised provident fund becomes payable, such

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>3</sup> Sub-section (1) was ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 26.

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accumulated balance shall be exempt from payment of super-tax except balance from income-tax to the extent of an amount equal to the aggregate of the amounts of and super- super-tax on annual accretions that would have been payable under section 58E up to the 1st day of April, 1933, if the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933, had come into force on the 15th March, 1930.]

<sup>1</sup>[(2)] Where an employee participating in a recognised provident fund has rendered continuous service with his employer for a period of not less than five years, and the accumulated balance due to him becomes payable, such accumulated balance shall be exempt from payment of income-tax \* \* \* and shall be excluded from the computation of his total income :

Provided that the Commissioner of Income-tax may allow such exemption and exclusion where the employee has rendered continuous service with the employer for a period of less than five years, if, in his opinion, the service has been terminated by reason of the employee's ill-health, or by the contraction or discontinuance of the employer's business, or other cause beyond the control of the employee.

<sup>1</sup>[(3)] Where exemption from payment of income-tax is not allowed under the provisions of <sup>3</sup>[sub-section (2)], the Income-tax Officer shall calculate the total of the various sums of income-tax from the payment of which the contributions and interest credited to the employee's individual account have been exempted under the provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 58F, and such total shall be payable by the employee, in addition to any other income-tax for which he may be liable for the year in which the accumulated balance due to him becomes payable.

**58H.** The trustees of a recognised provident fund, or other person authorised by the regulations of the fund to make payment of accumulated balances due to employees, shall, at the time an accumulated balance due to an employee is paid, deduct therefrom any income-tax payable under <sup>4</sup>[sub-section (3)] of section 58G and any income-tax and super-tax payable on an employee's total income as determined under sub-section (3) of section 58J, and sub-sections (4) to (9) of section 18 shall apply as if the sum to be deducted were income-tax payable under the head "Salaries".

**58I. (1)** The accounts of a recognised provident fund shall be maintained by the trustees of the fund and shall be in such form and for

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at source of  
income-tax  
payable on  
accumulated  
balances due.

Accounts of  
recognised  
provident  
funds.

<sup>1</sup> The original sub-sections (1) and (2) were re-numbered (2) and (3) respectively by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 26.

<sup>2</sup> The words "and super-tax" were rep. by s. 26, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 26, *ibid.*, for "sub-section (1)".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1934 (24 of 1934), s. 2 and Sch. I, for "sub-section (2)".

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such periods, and shall contain such particulars, as the Central Board of Revenue may prescribe.

(2) The accounts shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by Income-tax authorities, and the trustees shall furnish to the Income-tax Officer such abstracts thereof as the Central Board of Revenue may prescribe.

Treatment  
of balances  
in newly  
recognised  
provident  
funds.

**58J.** (1) Where recognition is accorded to a provident fund with existing balances, an account shall be made of the fund up to the day before the day on which the recognition takes effect, showing the balance to the credit of each employee on such day, and containing such further particulars as the Central Board of Revenue may prescribe.

(2) The account shall also show in respect of the balance to the credit of each employee the amount thereof which is to be transferred to that employee's account in the recognised provident fund, and such amount (hereinafter called his transferred balance) shall be shown as the balance to his credit in the recognised provident fund on the date on which the recognition of the fund takes effect, and sub-sections (3) and (4) shall apply thereto.

Any portion of the balance to the credit of an employee in the existing fund which is not transferred to the recognised fund shall be excluded from the accounts of the recognised fund and shall be liable to income-tax and super-tax in accordance with the provisions of this Act other than this Chapter.

(3) Subject to such rules as the Central Board of Revenue may make in this behalf, the Income-tax Officer shall make a calculation of the aggregate of all sums comprised in a transferred balance which would have been liable to income-tax if this Chapter had been in force from the date of the institution of the fund, without regard to any tax which may have been paid on any such sum, and such aggregate (if any) shall be deemed to be income received by the employee in the year in which the recognition of the fund takes effect, and shall be included in the employee's total income for that year; and, for the purposes of assessment, the remainder of the transferred balance shall be disregarded, but no other exemption or relief, by way of refund or otherwise, shall be granted in respect of any sum comprised in such transferred balance:

Provided that, in cases of serious accounting difficulty, the Commissioner shall have power, subject to the said rules, to make a summary calculation of such aggregate.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in condition (h) of sub-section (1) of section 58C, an employee, in order to enable him to pay the amount of tax assessed on his total income as determined under sub-section (3), shall be entitled to withdraw from the balance to his credit

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in the recognised provident fund a sum not exceeding the difference between such amount and the amount to which he would have been assessed if the transferred balance had not been included in his total income.

(5) Nothing in this section shall affect the rights of the persons administering an unrecognised provident fund or dealing with it, or with the balance to the credit of any individual employee, before recognition is accorded, in any manner which may be lawful.

**58K.** (1) Where an employer who maintains a provident fund (whether recognised or not) for the benefit of his employees and has not transferred the fund or any portion of it, transfers such fund or portion to trustees in trust for the employees participating in the fund, the amount so transferred shall be deemed to be of the nature of capital expenditure.

(2) When an employee participating in such fund is paid the accumulated balance due to him therefrom, any portion of such balance as represents his share in the amount so transferred to the trustee (without addition of interest, and exclusive of the employee's contributions and interest thereon) shall be deemed to be an expenditure by the employer within the meaning of clause (ix) of sub-section (2) of section 10, incurred in the year in which the accumulated balance due to the employee is paid.

**58L.** (1) All rules made under this Chapter shall be subject to the provisions of sub-sections (4) and (5) of section 59.

(2) In addition to any power conferred by this Chapter, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may make rules—

(a) prescribing the statements and other information to be submitted with an application for recognition;

(b) limiting the contributions to a recognised provident fund by employees of a company who are shareholders in the company;

(c) providing for the assessment by way of penalty of any consideration received by an employee for an assignment of, or creation of a charge upon, his beneficial interest in a recognised provident fund;

(d) determining the extent to and the manner in which exemption from payment of income-tax and super-tax may be granted in respect of contributions and interest credited to the individual accounts of employees in a provident fund from which recognition has been withdrawn; and

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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(e) generally, to carry out the purposes of this Chapter and to secure such further control over the recognition of provident funds and the administration of recognised provident funds as <sup>1</sup>[it] may deem requisite.

**58M.** This Chapter shall not apply to any provident fund to which the Provident Funds Act, 1925, applies.]

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## CHAPTER X.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Power to make rules.

**59.** (1) The <sup>2</sup>[Central Board of Revenue] may, subject to the control of the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government], make rules<sup>4</sup> for carrying out the purposes of this Act and for the ascertainment and determination of any class of income. Such rules may be made for the whole of British India or for such part thereof as may be specified.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may—

(a) prescribe the manner in which, and the procedure by which, the income, profits and gains shall be arrived at in the case of—

(i) incomes derived in part from agriculture and in part from business;

(ii) insurance companies;

(iii) persons residing out of British India;

(b) prescribe the procedure to be followed on applications for refunds;

(c) provide for such arrangements with His Majesty's Government as may be necessary to enable the appropriate relief to be granted under section 27 of the Finance Act, 1920, or under section 49 of this Act;

(d) prescribe the year which, for the purpose of relief under section 49, is to be taken as corresponding to the year of assessment for the purposes of section 27 of the Finance Act, 1920; and

(e) provide for any matter which by this Act is to be prescribed.

<sup>5</sup>[(3) In cases coming under clause (a) of sub-section (2), where the income, profits and gains liable to tax cannot be definitely ascertained, or

10 & 11 Geo.  
5, c. 18.

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5, c. 18.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1924 (4 of 1924), s. 4 and Sch., for "Board of Inland Revenue".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> For such rules, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, pp. 50–79.

<sup>5</sup> Sub-section (3) was ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1927 (28 of 1927), s. 2.

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can be ascertained only with an amount of trouble and expense to the assessee which, in the opinion of the Central Board of Revenue, is unreasonable, the rules made under that sub-section may—

- (a) prescribe methods by which an estimate of such income, profits and gains may be made, and
- (b) in cases coming under sub-clause (i) of clause (a) of sub-section (2), prescribe the proportion of the income which shall be deemed to be income, profits and gains liable to tax,

and an assessment based on such estimate or proportion shall be deemed to be duly made in accordance with the provisions of this Act.]

<sup>1</sup>[(4)] The power to make rules conferred by this section shall, except on the first occasion of the exercise thereof, be subject to the condition of previous publication.

<sup>1</sup>[(5)] Rules made under this section shall be published in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], and shall thereupon have effect as if enacted in this Act.

**60.** <sup>3</sup>[(1)] The <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] may, by <sup>5</sup>notification in the <sup>Power to make exemptions, etc.</sup> <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], make an exemption, reduction in rate or other modification, in respect of income-tax in favour of any class of income, or in regard to the whole or any part of the income of any class of persons.

<sup>6</sup>[(2)] Where, by reason of any portion of an assessee's salary being paid in arrears or in advance, <sup>7</sup>[or by reason of his having received in any one financial year salary for more than twelve months,] his income is assessed at a rate higher than that at which it would otherwise have been assessed, the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] may grant such relief as <sup>8</sup>[it] may think fit.]

**61.** Any assessee, who is entitled or required to attend before any <sup>Appearance by authoris-</sup> income-tax authority in connection with any proceeding under this Act, <sup>ed represen-</sup> may attend either in person or by any person authorised by him in tative. writing in this behalf.

**62.** A receipt shall be given for any money paid or recovered under <sup>Receipts to be given.</sup> this Act.

<sup>1</sup> The original sub-sections (3) and (4) were re-numbered as sub-sections (4) and (5), respectively, by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1927 (28 of 1927), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>3</sup> The original s. 60 was re-numbered as sub-section (1) of that section by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 10.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>5</sup> For such notifications, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, pp. 80—86.

<sup>6</sup> Sub-section (2) was ins. by Act 22 of 1930, s. 10.

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 27.

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

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Service of notices.

**63. (1)** A notice or requisition under this Act may be served on the person therein named either by post or, as if it were a summons issued by a Court, under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

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(2) Any such notice or requisition may, in the case of a firm or a Hindu undivided family, be addressed to any member of the firm or <sup>1</sup>[to the] manager, or any adult male member of the family <sup>2</sup>[and, in the case of any other association of individuals, be addressed to the principal officer thereof].

Place of assessment.

**64. (1)** Where an assessee carries on business at any place, he shall be assessed by the Income-tax Officer of the area in which that place is situate or, where the business is carried on in more places than one, by the Income-tax Officer of the area in which his principal place of business is situate.

(2) In all other cases, an assessee shall be assessed by the Income-tax Officer of the area in which he resides.

(3) Where any question arises under this section as to the place of assessment, such question shall be determined by the Commissioner, or, where the question is between places in more provinces than one, by the Commissioners concerned, or, if they are not in agreement, by the [Central Board of Revenue]:

Provided that, before any such question is determined, the assessee shall have had an opportunity of representing his views.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, every Income-tax Officer shall have all the powers conferred by or under this Act on an Income-tax Officer in respect of any income, profits or gains accruing, or arising or received within the area for which he is appointed.

Indemnity.

**65.** Every person deducting, retaining or paying any tax in pursuance of this Act in respect of income belonging to another person is hereby indemnified for the deduction, retention or payment thereof.

Statement of case by Commissioner to High Court.

**66. (1)** If, in the course of any assessment under this Act or any proceeding in connection therewith other than a proceeding under Chapter VIII, a question of law arises, the Commissioner may, either on his own motion or on reference from any Income-tax authority subordinate to him, draw up a statement of the case and refer it with his own opinion thereon to the High Court.

(2) <sup>4</sup>[Within sixty days of the date on which he is served with notice of an order under section 31 or section 32], <sup>5</sup>[or of an order under

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1924 (7 of 1924), s. 2, and Sch. I, for "on the".

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1924 (11 of 1924), s. 9.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1924 (4 of 1924), s. 4 and Sch., for "Board of Inland Revenue".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 11, for "within one month of the passing of an order under section 31 or section 32".

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 28.

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section 33 enhancing an assessment or otherwise prejudicial to him,]<sup>1</sup> [or of a decision by a Board of Referees under section 33A,] the assessee in respect of whom the order<sup>1</sup> [or decision] was passed may, by application accompanied by a fee of one hundred rupees or such lesser sum as may be prescribed, require the Commissioner to refer to the High Court any question of law arising out of such order<sup>1</sup> [or decision] and the Commissioner shall, within<sup>2</sup> [sixty days] of the receipt of such application, draw up a statement of the case and refer it with his own opinion thereon to the High Court:

<sup>3</sup> [Provided that a reference shall lie from an order under section 33 only on a question of law arising out of that order itself, and not on a question of law arising out of a previous order under section 31 or section 32, revised by the order under section 33:]

Provided<sup>3</sup> [further] that, if, in exercise of his power of<sup>4</sup> [revision] under section 33, the Commissioner decides the question,<sup>3</sup> [or if the Commissioner rejects the application on the ground that it is time-barred or otherwise incompetent, or if, in exercise of his powers under sub-section (3), the Commissioner refuses to state the case,] the assessee may,<sup>3</sup> [within thirty days from the date on which he receives notice of the order passed by the Commissioner,] withdraw his application, and if he does so, the fee paid shall be refunded.

(3) If, on any application being made under sub-section (2), the Commissioner refuses to state the case on the ground that no question of law arises, the assessee may,<sup>5</sup> [within six months from the date on which he is served with notice of the refusal,] apply to the High Court, and the High Court, if it is not satisfied of the correctness of the Commissioner's decision, may require the Commissioner to state the case and to refer it, and, on receipt of any such requisition, the Commissioner shall state and refer the case accordingly.

<sup>3</sup> [(3A) If, on any application being made under sub-section (2), the Commissioner rejects it on the ground that it is time-barred, the assessee may, within two months from the date on which he is served with notice of the order of the Commissioner, apply to the High Court, and the High Court, if it is not satisfied of the correctness of the Commissioner's decision, may require the Commissioner to treat the application as made within the time allowed under sub-section (2).]

(4) If the High Court is not satisfied that the statements in a case referred under this section are sufficient to enable it to determine the

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1930 (21 of 1930), s. 11.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 11, for "one month".

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 28.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1928 (3 of 1928), s. 11, for "review".

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1924 (11 of 1924), s. 10.

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question raised thereby, the Court may refer the case back to the Commissioner by whom it was stated to make such additions thereto or alterations therein as the Court may direct in that behalf.

(5) The High Court upon the hearing of any such case shall decide the questions of law raised thereby, and shall deliver its judgment thereon containing the grounds on which such decision is founded, and shall send to the Commissioner by whom the case was stated a copy of such judgment under the seal of the Court and the signature of the Registrar, and the Commissioner shall dispose of the case accordingly, or, if the case arose on a reference from any Income-tax authority subordinate to him, shall forward a copy of such judgment to such authority who shall dispose of the case conformably to such judgment.

(6) Where a reference is made to the High Court on the application of an assessee, the costs shall be in the discretion of the Court.

(7) Notwithstanding that a reference has been made under this section to the High Court, income-tax shall be payable in accordance with the assessment made in the case:

Provided that, if the amount of an assessment is reduced as a result of such reference, the amount overpaid shall be refunded with such interest as the Commissioner may allow.

<sup>1</sup>[(7A) Section 5 of the Indian Limitation Act, 1908, shall apply to IX of 1908. an application to the High Court by an assessee under sub-section (3) or sub-section (3A).]

<sup>2</sup>[(8) For the purposes of this section "the High Court" means—

- (a) in relation to the North-West Frontier Province and British Baluchistan, the High Court of Judicature at Lahore;
- (b) in relation to the Province of Ajmer-Merwara, the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad; and
- (c) in relation to the Province of Coorg, the High Court of Judicature at Madras.]

References  
to be heard  
by Benches  
of High  
Courts, and  
appeal to  
lie in certain  
cases to  
Privy  
Council.

<sup>3</sup>[66A. (1) When any case has been referred to the High Court under section 66, it shall be heard by a Bench of not less than two Judges of the High Court, and in respect of such case the provisions of section 98 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, shall, so far as may be, apply V of 1908. notwithstanding anything contained in the Letters Patent of any High Court established by Letters Patent or in any other law for the time being in force.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (18 of 1933), s. 28.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Amendment) Act, 1926 (24 of 1926), s. 7.

<sup>3</sup> S. 66A was ins. by s. 8, *ibid.*

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(2) An appeal shall lie to His Majesty in Council from any judgment of the High Court delivered on a reference made under section 66 in any case which the High Court certifies to be a fit one for appeal to His Majesty in Council.

V of 1908.

(3) The provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, relating to appeals to His Majesty in Council shall, so far as may be, apply in the case of appeals under this section in like manner as they apply in the case of appeals from decrees of a High Court:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall be deemed to affect the provisions of sub-section (5) or sub-section (7) of section 66:

Provided, further, that the High Court may, on petition made for the execution of the order of His Majesty in Council in respect of any costs awarded thereby, transmit the order for execution to any Court subordinate to the High Court.

(4) Where the judgment of the High Court is varied or reversed in appeal under this section, effect shall be given to the order of His Majesty in Council in the manner provided in sub-sections (5) and (7) of section 66 in the case of a judgment of the High Court.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be deemed—

(a) to bar the full and unqualified exercise of His Majesty's pleasure in receiving or rejecting appeals to His Majesty in Council, or otherwise howsoever, or

(b) to interfere with any rules made by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and for the time being in force, for the presentation of appeals to His Majesty in Council, or their conduct before the said Judicial Committee.]

**67.** No suit shall be brought in any Civil Court to set aside or modify any assessment made under this Act, and no prosecution, suit in Civil Court, or other proceeding shall lie against any [officer of the Crown] for anything in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.

**[67A.]** In computing the period of limitation prescribed for an appeal under this Act or for an application under section 66, the day on which the order complained of was made, and the time requisite for obtaining a copy of such order, shall be excluded.]

**68. [Repeals.]** Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

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**THE SCHEDULE.—[ENACTMENTS REPEALED.]** Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt. officer".

<sup>2</sup> S. 67A was ins. by the Indian Income-tax (Second Amendment) Act, 1930 (22 of 1930), s. 12.

## THE INDIAN FINANCE ACT, 1922.

ACT NO. XII OF 1922.<sup>1</sup>

[27th March, 1922.]

An Act to fix the duty on salt manufactured in, or imported by land into, certain parts of British India, further to amend <sup>VI of 1898.</sup>  
<sup>2\*</sup> \* \* \* the Indian Post Office Act, 1898, to amend the <sup>VI of 1898.</sup>  
 Indian Paper Currency (Amendment) Act, 1920<sup>3</sup>, to <sup>XLV of</sup> impose an excise duty on kerosene, to fix rates of income-tax <sup>1920.</sup>  
 and to abolish the freight tax.

WHEREAS it is expedient to fix the duty on salt manufactured in, or imported by land into, certain parts of British India, further to amend <sup>VI of 1898.</sup>  
<sup>2\*</sup> \* \* \* the Indian Post Office Act, 1898, to amend the Indian <sup>VI of 1898.</sup>  
 Paper Currency (Amendment) Act, 1920<sup>3</sup>, to impose an excise duty on <sup>XLV of</sup> kerosene, to fix rates of income-tax and to abolish the freight tax; It is <sup>1920.</sup> hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title,  
extent and  
duration.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Finance Act, 1922.
- (2) It extends to the whole of British India, including the Sonthal Parganas and, except as regards section 5, British Baluchistan.

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2. [Fixation of salt duty.] Rep. by the Indian Finance Act, 1923, s. 2.

3. [Amendment of Act VIII of 1894.] Rep. partly by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch., and partly by the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (XXXII of 1934), s. 13 and Sch. III.

4. [Amendment of Act VI of 1898.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

Imposition  
of excise  
duty on  
kerosene.

5. With effect from the first day of March, 1922, the provisions of the Motor Spirit (Duties) Act, 1917, which provide for the levy and <sup>II of 1917.</sup> collection of an excise duty on motor spirit, that is to say, all the provisions of that Act except section 6 thereof, shall apply also for the purpose of the levy and collection of an excise duty on kerosene as if references in the said Act to motor spirit (other than the reference in the second clause of section 2 thereof) were references to kerosene:

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 198.

<sup>2</sup> The words "the Indian Tariff Act, 1894, and" rep. by the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (32 of 1934), s. 13 and Sch. III.

<sup>3</sup> This Act has been rep. by the Indian Paper Currency Act, 1923 (10 of 1923), s. 30 and Sch.

<sup>4</sup> Sub-section (3) rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (12 of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

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Provided that the duty on kerosene shall be levied and collected at the rate of <sup>1</sup>[two annas and three pies] on each imperial gallon.

*Explanation.*—For the purposes of this section “kerosene” means any inflammable hydro-carbon (including any mixture of hydro-carbons or any liquid containing hydro-carbons but excluding motor spirit) which—

II of 1899.  
(a) is made from petroleum as defined in section 2 of the Indian Petroleum Act, 1899, and

(b) is intended to be, or is ordinarily, used in liquid form for purposes of illumination.

6. [Amendment of Act XLV of 1920.] Rep. by the Indian Paper Currency Act, 1923 (X of 1923), s. 30 and Sch.

7. [Income-tax and super-tax.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

8. [Repealing of Act XIII of 1917.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

SCHEDULE I.—Rep. by the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (XXXII of 1934), s. 13 and Sch. III.

SCHEDULE II. } Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2  
SCHEDULE III. } and Sch.

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ACT NO. XIII OF 1922.<sup>1</sup>

[29th March, 1922.]

An Act to provide for the incorporation of Trustees for the European Hospital for mental diseases at Ranchi, and to make provision for other matters in relation thereto.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the incorporation of Trustees for the European Hospital for mental diseases at Ranchi, and to make provision for other matters in relation thereto; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**Short title  
and com-  
mencement.**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Ranchi Mental Hospital Act, 1922.

(2) It shall come into force on such date<sup>2</sup> as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint.

**Definitions.**

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “the Board” means the Board of Trustees for the European Hospital for mental diseases at Ranchi constituted under this Act;

(b) “the Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board;

(c) “the Hospital” means the European Hospital for mental diseases established at Ranchi in the province of Bihar <sup>5\*</sup> \* \* \* \*;

(d) “land” means land as defined in section 3 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894; I of 1894.

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(f) “the Superintendent” means the Superintendent of the Hospital appointed by the “[Central Government]; and

(g) “Trustee” means a member of the Board.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 219.

<sup>2</sup> From 1st July 1922, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, p. 87.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Gazette of India”.

<sup>5</sup> The words “and Orissa” rep. by the A. O.

<sup>6</sup> Cl. (e) rep. by the A. O.

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “L. G.”

3. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the entire management and control of the Hospital shall, on and from the date on which this Act comes into force, be vested in a Board to be called "the Trustees for the European Hospital for mental diseases at Ranchi," and the Board shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to acquire and hold property both moveable and immoveable and to contract, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

4. (1) The Board shall consist of fourteen Trustees, namely:—
- Constitution  
of the  
Board.
- <sup>1</sup>[(a) a Chairman to be appointed by the Central Government;
  - (b) eleven Trustees appointed by the Central Government, of whom four shall represent Bengal, two the United Provinces, two the Punjab, two Bihar and one the Central Provinces and Berar;]
  - (e) one Trustee elected by the Council of the Company which was at the commencement of this Act registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1913, by the name of the European Association; and
  - (f) one Trustee elected by the Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association (Bengal), Limited.

(2) The Superintendent shall be *ex-officio* Secretary of the Board.

5. (1) On the date on which this Act comes into force, the <sup>2</sup>[Central Initial loan Government] shall pay to the Board a sum of three and a half lakhs of rupees by way of loan, which sum shall be repaid by the Board, together with any interest or costs due in respect thereof, in accordance with such terms and conditions as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may fix.

IV of 1912. (2) Any amount which is repaid or is repayable in any year under sub-section (1) shall be taken into account in the calculation of the amount attributable to the cost of maintenance, as defined in section 3 of the Indian Lunacy Act, 1912, of the lunatics detained in the Hospital in that year.

6. (1) The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, on such terms and conditions as <sup>3</sup>[it] may fix, make further loans to the Board for the carrying out of any works in connection with the Hospital which have been sanctioned in accordance with the provisions of any rules made under this Act, and the Board shall repay the money borrowed, together with any interest or costs due in respect thereof, according to the terms and conditions of the loan.

(2) Save as provided in section 5 and sub-section (1), the Board shall not borrow money upon or otherwise charge its funds.

IV of 1912. 7. On and from the date on which the provisions of this Act come into force, all monies payable under the Indian Lunacy Act, 1912, on account of the cost of maintenance of any lunatic in the Hospital shall be paid to the Board.

<sup>1</sup> Cls. (a) and (b) subs. by the A. O. for original cls. (a), (b), (c) and (d).

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

Acquisition  
of land.

**8.** <sup>1</sup>[The Central Government may, at the request of the Board, cause to be acquired], under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, <sup>I of 1894.</sup> any land which it is satisfied is required by the Board for the purposes of the Hospital, and, on payment by the Board of <sup>2</sup>[the expenses incurred by the Central Government on account of, or in connection with, the acquisition], the land shall vest in the Board.

Establish-  
ment.

**9.** Subject to the provisions of this Act and of any rules made hereunder the Board shall maintain such staff of officers and servants as may in its opinion be necessary for the proper management and up-keep of the Hospital, and shall assign to them such pay and allowances as it thinks fit.

Contribu-  
tions for  
pensions,  
etc.

**10.** Where any person in the service of <sup>3</sup>[the Central Government or any Provincial Government] is appointed as an officer or servant of the Board, the Board shall—

(a) if his services are wholly lent or transferred, meet in addition to his pay and allowances any charges prescribed or authorised by any rules for the time being in force <sup>4\*</sup> \* \* \* regarding contributions towards pensions or gratuities and leave allowances, and

(b) if he is employed <sup>5</sup>[partly by that Government] and partly by the Board, meet such proportion of such pay and allowances and charges as may be determined by <sup>6</sup>[that Government].

Trustees and  
servants to  
be public  
servants.

**11.** Every Trustee and every officer and servant of the Board shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code.

XLV of  
1860.

Returns.

**12.** The <sup>7</sup>[Central Government] may call upon the Board to furnish it with any extract from any proceedings of the Board or from any record under the control of the Board, or with any statistics concerning the administration of the Hospital, and the Board shall thereupon furnish the same without unreasonable delay.

Control and  
supersession  
of the  
Board.

**13. (1)** If the <sup>7</sup>[Central Government], after such inquiry as it may deem fit, is satisfied—

(a) that any of the duties imposed or powers conferred upon the Board by or under this Act has not been performed or exercised or has been performed or exercised in an imperfect, inefficient or unsuitable manner; or

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "The L. G. may, at the request of the Board acquire".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the compensation awarded under that Act and of the charges incurred by the L. G. in connection with the proceedings".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt."

<sup>4</sup> The words "under the provisions of section 96B of the G. of I. Act" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "partly by Govt."

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the L. G."

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

(b) that adequate financial provision has not been made for the performance of any such duty or for the proper maintenance of the Hospital;

it may, by order in writing, direct the Board, within such period as may be specified in the order, to make arrangements to the satisfaction of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] for the proper performance of any such duty or the proper exercise of any such power, or to make financial provision to the satisfaction of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] for the performance of any such duty or for the maintenance of the Hospital, as the case may be; and the Board shall thereupon comply with such direction.

(2) On the failure of the Board to comply with any such direction, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or any person appointed by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf may perform such duty or exercise such power or make such provision, as the case may be, and the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may attach the funds of the Board or any portion thereof and may apply the same to meet any charges incurred in the performance of such duty or the exercise of such power, or in the making of such provision, as the case may be.

(3) On the repeated failure of the Board to comply with such directions, or if the Board otherwise exceeds or abuses its powers, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, <sup>2</sup>[by notification in the Official Gazette], declare the Board to be incompetent or to have exceeded or abused its powers, as the case may be, and direct that the Board shall be superseded for such period as may be specified in the notification.

(4) When the Board is superseded under the provisions of sub-section (3)—

- (a) all Trustees shall, from the date of the publication of the notification under that sub-section, vacate their offices as Trustees;
- (b) all powers and duties of the Board shall, during the period of supersession, be exercised and performed by such person or persons as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may appoint in this behalf;
- (c) all funds and other property vested in the Board shall, during the period of supersession, <sup>3</sup>[vest in His Majesty for the purposes of the Central Government]; and
- (d) before the expiration of the period of supersession, elections shall be held and appointments made for the purpose of reconstituting the Board.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C., by notification in the Gazette of India and in the B. & O. Gazette".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "vest in the L. G. on behalf of His Majesty".

<sup>4</sup> Sub-section (5) rep. by the A. O.

Dissolution  
of the  
Board.

<sup>1</sup>[**14.** The Central Government may by notification in the Official Gazette declare that, with effect from such date as may be specified in the notification, the Board shall be dissolved, and on the making of such a declaration, all funds and other property vested in the Board shall vest in His Majesty for the purposes of the Central Government.]

**15. [Power of the Governor General in Council to make rules.]**  
Rep. by the A. O.

Power of the  
Central  
Government  
to make  
rules.

**16. (1)** The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may <sup>\*\* \* \* \*</sup> make rules for the purpose of carrying into effect all or any of the provisions of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) for fixing the minimum number of meetings of the Board during any year;
- (b) for requiring the maintenance by the Board or the Managing Committee of the Board of a record of all business transacted and the submission of copies of such record to the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] or to any other specified authority;
- (c) for defining the powers of the Board, the Managing Committee of the Board, the Chairman and the Superintendent, respectively, to enter into contracts which shall be binding on the Board, and the manner in which such contracts shall be executed;
- (d) for sanctioning works in connection with the Hospital, and for prescribing the preparation of estimates of such works before work is commenced and the authority by which such estimates shall be sanctioned;
- (e) for the procedure to be observed in calling for and considering tenders;
- (f) for requiring the preparation of schedules of the staff of officers and servants of the Board;
- (g) for defining the powers of the Board, the Managing Committee of the Board, the Chairman and the Superintendent, respectively, in respect of the appointment, promotion and dismissal of officers and servants of the Board, and in respect of the creation and abolition of appointments of such officers or servants;
- (h) for regulating the grant of leave to officers and servants of the Board, and the payment of leave allowances to such officers and servants, and the remuneration to be paid to any person

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original section.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "I. G."

\* The words "subject to rules made under section 15" rep. by the A. O.

appointed to act for any officer or servant to whom leave is granted;

- (i) for regulating the payment of pensions, gratuities, compassionate allowances and travelling allowances to officers and servants of the Board;
- (j) for prescribing the establishment and maintenance of a provident fund for the officers and servants of the Board, and for the deduction of subscriptions to such provident fund from the pay and allowances of such officers or servants, other than <sup>1</sup>[servants of the Crown] whose services have been lent or transferred to the Board;
- (k) for prescribing the preparation of budget estimates of the annual receipts and expenditure of the Board and of supplementary estimates of expenditure not included in the budget estimates, and the manner in which such estimates shall be sanctioned and published;
- (l) for defining the powers of the Board, the Managing Committee of the Board, the Chairman and the Superintendent, respectively, in regard to the expenditure of the funds of the Board, whether provision has or has not been made in the budget estimates or by re-appropriation for such expenditure, and in regard to the re-appropriation of estimated savings in the budget estimates of expenditure;
- (m) for prescribing the maintenance of accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Board and providing for the audit of such accounts;
- (n) for prescribing the manner in which payments are to be made by or on behalf of the Board, and the officers by whom orders for making deposits or investments or for withdrawals or disposal of the funds of the Board shall be signed; <sup>2\*</sup>
- (o) for determining the custody in which the current account of the Board shall be kept, and the bank or banks at which surplus monies at the credit of the Board may be deposited at interest, and the conditions on which such monies may be otherwise invested;
- <sup>3</sup>[(p) the qualifications for being appointed a Trustee;
- (q) the circumstances in which and the authority by which any Trustee may be removed;
- (r) the filling of any vacancy in the office of a Trustee, whether temporarily or otherwise;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt. servants".

<sup>2</sup> The word "and" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the A. O. For rules made under the original s. 15 which corresponded to these clauses, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, p. 87.

- (s) the term of office of Trustees; and  
 (t) the allowances, if any, payable to the Trustees from the funds of the Board on account of attendance at meetings of the Board.]

Powers of the Board to make rules.

**17.** Subject to any rules made under <sup>1</sup>[section 16], the Board may, with the previous sanction of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government], make rules<sup>3</sup> to provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) for the constitution of a Managing Committee and the delegation thereto of any powers exercisable under this Act by the Board;
- (b) for prescribing the method of appointment, removal and replacement and the term of office of members of the Managing Committee, and for the filling of vacancies therein;
- (c) for the appointment of the dates, times and places for meetings of the Board and the Managing Committee, and for regulating the procedure to be observed at such meetings;
- (d) for determining the amount and nature of the security, if any, to be demanded from officers or servants of the Board, and the circumstances in which such security may be demanded;
- (e) for determining the times at which, and the circumstances in which, payments may be made out of the provident fund, and the conditions on which such payments shall relieve the fund from further liability;
- (f) for determining the contribution, if any, payable from the funds of the Board to the provident fund;
- (g) for regulating generally all matters incidental to the provident fund and the investment thereof; and
- (h) for defining the powers and duties of the Secretary of the Board.

Rules to be made after previous publication.

Notice of suits against the Board, etc.

**18.** All rules made under this Act shall be made subject to the condition of previous publication, and shall be published in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette] <sup>5\*</sup> \* \* \*, and on such publication shall have effect as if they were enacted in this Act.

**19.** No suit shall be instituted against the Board or any Trustee or any officer or servant of the Board, or any person acting under the direction of the Board or of the Chairman or of any such officer or servant, in respect of any act purporting to be done under this Act or any rule made hereunder until the expiration of one month after written notice has been delivered or left at the office of the Board or at the office or

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "sections 15 and 16".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> For rules framed by the Board, see Gazette of India, 1923, Pt. I, p. 851.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>5</sup> The words "and in the B. & O. Gazette" rep. by the A. O.

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place of abode of such officer or servant, stating the cause of action, the name and place of abode of the complainant and the relief which he claims, and unless the plaint contains a statement that such notice has been so delivered or left.

**20.** No act done or proceedings taken under this Act shall be questioned on the ground merely of—

- (a) the existence of any vacancy in or any defect in the constitution of the Board or the Managing Committee; or
- (b) any person having ceased to be a Trustee; or
- (c) any omission, defect or irregularity not affecting the merits of the case.

IV of 1912.

**21.** For all the purposes of the Indian Lunacy Act, 1912, the Hospital shall be deemed to be an asylum established by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

Classification of Hospital.

### THE POLICE (INCITEMENT TO DISAFFECTION) ACT, 1922.

Act No. XXII OF 1922.<sup>2</sup>

[5th October, 1922.]

An Act to provide a penalty for spreading disaffection among the police and for kindred offences.

WHEREAS it is expedient to penalize the spreading of disaffection among the police and other kindred offences; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**1.** (1) This Act may be called the Police (Incitement to Disaffection) Act, 1922.

Short title, extent and commencement.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan and the Sonthal Parganas.

(3) It shall come into force in any Province or part of a Province on such date<sup>3</sup> as the <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>5</sup>[Official Gazette], direct.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt."

<sup>2</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 62, and for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1922, Pt. V, p. 253.

<sup>3</sup> This Act came into force in Assam from 25th January 1923, see Assam Gazette, 1923, Pt. II, p. 113; in the Punjab from 13th March, 1930, see Punjab Gazette, 1930, Pt. I, p. 342; in B. & O. (including the Sonthal Parganas) from 15th May, 1930, see B. & O. Gazette, Extraordinary dated 13th May, 1930; in the Bombay Presidency (excluding Aden) from 5th June, 1930, see Bom. Gazette, 1930, Pt. I, p. 1394; in the N.-W. F. P. from 2nd June 1930, see N.-W. F. P. Gazette, 1930, Pt. I-A, p. 95 and in British Baluchistan from 1st September, 1930, see Gazette of India, 1930, Pt. II-A, p. 490. The Act has also been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch. and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

**Definitions.**

**2.** In this Act, the expression "member of a police-force" means any person appointed or enrolled for the performance of police duties under any enactment specified in the Schedule.

**Penalty for causing disaffection, etc.**

**3.** Whoever intentionally causes or attempts to cause, or does any act which he knows is likely to cause, disaffection towards His Majesty or the Government established by law in British India<sup>1</sup> [or British Burma] amongst the members of a police-force, or induces or attempts to induce, or does any act which he knows is likely to induce, any member of a police-force to withhold his services or to commit a breach of discipline shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both.

*Explanation.*—Expressions of disapprobation of the measures of the Government with a view to obtain their alteration by lawful means, or of disapprobation of the administrative or other action of the Government, do not constitute an offence under this section unless they cause or are made for the purpose of causing or are likely to cause disaffection.

**Saving of acts done by police associations and other persons for certain purposes.**

**4.** Nothing shall be deemed to be an offence under this Act which is done in good faith—

(a) for the purpose of promoting the welfare or interests of any member of a police-force by inducing him to withhold his services in any manner authorised by law; or

(b) by or on behalf of any association formed for the purpose of furthering the interests of members of a police-force as such, where the association has been authorised or recognised by the Government and the act done is done under any rules or articles of the association which have been approved by the Government.

**Sanction to trial of offences by subordinate Courts.**

**5.** No Court shall proceed to the trial of any offence under this Act except with the previous sanction, or on the complaint, of the District Magistrate or, in the case of a Presidency-town<sup>2\*</sup> \* \* \*, of the Commissioner of Police.

**Trial of cases.**

**6. (1)** No Court inferior to that of a Presidency Magistrate or Magistrate of the first class shall try any offence under this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in Chapter XXII of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, no offence under this Act shall be triable summarily.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>2</sup> The words "or the town of Rangoon" rep. by the A. O.

## THE SCHEDULE.

(See section 2.)

Year.	No.	Short title.
<i>Acts of the Governor General in Council.</i>		
1859	XXIV	The Madras District Police Act, 1859.
1861	V	The Police Act, 1861.
1887	XV	The Burma Military Police Act, 1887.
1888	III	The Police Act, 1888.
1892	V	The Bengal Military Police Act, 1892.
<i>Madras Act.</i>		
1888	III	The Madras City Police Act, 1888.
<i>Bombay Acts.</i>		
1890	IV	The Bombay District Police Act, 1890.
1902	IV	The City of Bombay Police Act, 1902.
<i>Bengal Acts.</i>		
1866	II	The Calcutta Suburban Police Act, 1866.
,,	IV	The Calcutta Police Act, 1866.
1890	III	The Calcutta Port Act, 1890.
1920	II	The Eastern Frontier Rifles (Bengal Battalion) Act, 1920.
<i>Burma Act.</i>		
1899	IV	The Rangoon Police Act, 1899.
<i>Assam Act.</i>		
1920	I	The Assam Rifles Act, 1920.
<i>Regulation by the Governor General in Council.</i>		
1888	II	The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Military Policy Regulation, 1888.

THE INDIAN STATES (PROTECTION AGAINST DIS-AFFECTION) ACT, 1922.<sup>1</sup>

[12th March, 1923.]

An Act to prevent the dissemination by means of books, newspapers and other documents of matter calculated to bring into hatred or contempt, or to excite disaffection against, Princes or Chiefs of States in India or the Governments or Administrations established in such States.

WHEREAS it is expedient to prevent the dissemination by means of books, newspapers and other documents of matter calculated to bring into hatred or contempt, or to excite disaffection against, Princes or Chiefs of States in India or the Governments or Administrations established in such States; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

*Short title  
and extent.*

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian States (Protection against Disaffection) Act, 1922.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan and the Sonthal Parganas.

*Definitions.*

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “book” and “newspaper” have the meanings respectively assigned to them by the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867;

(b) “disaffection” includes disloyalty and all feelings of enmity; and

(c) “document” includes any painting, drawing, photograph, or other visible representation.

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*Penalty.*

3. (1) Whoever edits, prints or publishes, or is the author of, any book, newspaper or other document which brings or is intended to bring into hatred or contempt, or excites or is intended to excite disaffection towards, any Prince or Chief of a State in India or the Government or Administration established in any such State, shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to five years, or with fine, or with both.

(2) No person shall be deemed to commit an offence under this section in respect of any book, newspaper or other document which, without exciting or being intended to excite hatred, contempt or disaffection, contains comments expressing disapprobation of the measures of any such Prince, Chief, Government or Administration as aforesaid with a

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<sup>1</sup> This Act was made by the Governor General under the provisions of s. 67B of the G. of I. Act.

It has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws (Amendment) Regulation, 1937 (9 of 1937), s. 7, and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws (Amendment) Regulation, 1937 (10 of 1937), s. 6.

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view to obtain their alteration by lawful means, or disapprobation of the administrative or other action of any such Prince, Chief, Government or Administration.

V of 1898. 4. The provisions of sections 99A to 99G of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, and of sections 27B to 27D of the Indian Post Office VI of 1898. Act, 1898, shall apply in the case of any book, newspaper or other document containing matter in respect of which any person is punishable under section 3 in like manner as they apply in the case of a book, newspaper or document containing seditious matter within the meaning of those sections.

5. No Court inferior to that of a Presidency Magistrate or a Magistrate of the first class shall proceed to the trial of any offence under section 3, and no Court shall proceed to the trial of any such offence except on complaint made by, or under authority from, the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government].

Power to forfeit certain publications or to detain them in course of transmission through post.

Courts by which and conditions subject to which offence may be tried.

## THE COTTON TRANSPORT ACT, 1923.

ACT NO. III OF 1923.<sup>2</sup>

[23rd February, 1923.]

An Act to provide for the restriction and control of the transport of cotton in certain circumstances.

WHEREAS it is expedient for the purpose of maintaining the quality and reputation of the cotton grown in certain areas in British India to enable the restriction and control of the transport by rail and the import of cotton into those areas; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Cotton Transport Act, 1923. Short title
  - (2) It extends to the whole of British India. and extent.
  2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,— Definitions.
- I of 1872. (a) “certified copy”, in relation to a licence, means a copy of the licence certified in the manner described in section 76 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, by the authority by which the licence was granted;
- (b) “cotton” means every kind of unmanufactured cotton, that is to say, ginned and unginned cotton, cotton waste and cotton seed;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>2</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 213; and for Report of Joint Committee, see *ibid.*, 1923, Pt. V, p. 1.

- (c) "cotton waste" means droppings, stripings, fly and other waste products of a cotton-mill other than yarn waste;
- (d) "licence" means a licence granted under this Act;
- (e) "notified station" means a railway station specified in a notification under section 3;
- (f) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act; and
- (g) "protected area" means an area into which the import of cotton or of any kind of cotton has been prohibited <sup>1</sup>[wholly or partly] by a notification under section 3.

**Power to issue notification prohibiting import of cotton into protected area.**

3. (1) The <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may, for the purpose of maintaining the quality or reputation of the cotton grown in any area in the Province, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], prohibit the import of cotton or of any specified kind of cotton into that area <sup>4</sup>[by rail, road, river and sea, or by any one or more of such routes] save under, and in accordance with the conditions of, a licence:

Provided that no such notification shall be deemed to prohibit the import into any protected area of packages containing any kind of cotton and not exceeding ten pounds avoirdupois weight.

(2) Any such notification may prohibit the delivery to, and the taking of delivery by, any person, at any specified railway station situated in the protected area, of any cotton, the import of which <sup>4</sup>[by rail] into that area is prohibited when such cotton has been consigned from a railway station not situated in that area, unless such person holds a licence for the import <sup>4</sup>[by rail] of the cotton into that area.

**Refusal to carry unlicensed cotton.**

4. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Indian Railways Act, 1890, or any other law for the time being in force, the station master of any railway station or any other railway servant responsible for the booking of goods or parcels at that station may refuse to receive for carriage at, or to forward or allow to be carried on the railway from, that station any cotton consigned to a notified station, being cotton of a kind of which the delivery at such notified station has been prohibited unless both stations are in the same protected area, or unless the consignor produces a certified copy of a licence for the import of the cotton <sup>5</sup>[by rail] into the protected area in which such notified station is situated.

(2) Every certified copy of a licence when so produced shall be attached to the invoice or way-bill, as the case may be, and shall accompany

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Cotton Transport (Amendment) Act, 1925 (34 of 1925), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by Act 34 of 1925, s. 3.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by s. 4, *ibid.*

the consignment to its destination, and shall there be dealt with in the prescribed manner.

(3) Where by or under any law in force in the territories of any State in India the import <sup>1</sup>[by rail] into any area, or the delivery at any railway station, of cotton or of any kind of cotton has been prohibited, the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], declare that the provisions of sub-section (1) shall apply in respect of cotton consigned to any such station as if such area and such station were respectively a protected area and a notified station, and as if any licence granted under such law were a licence granted under this Act.

5. (1) Where any cotton, the import of which <sup>4</sup>[by rail] into any protected area has been prohibited, has been consigned to and arrives at a notified station in any such protected area, the station master or other railway servant responsible for the receipt and delivery to the consignee of goods or parcels, as the case may be, at that station shall, unless both the notified station and the railway station from which the cotton has been consigned are situated in the same protected area, refuse to deliver the cotton until he is satisfied that the consignee holds a licence for the import of the cotton <sup>4</sup>[by rail] into the protected area in which such notified station is situated; and, if he is not so satisfied, or if within fourteen days the consignee or some person acting on his behalf does not appear in order to take delivery, shall return the cotton to the railway station from which it was consigned, together with an intimation that delivery of the cotton has been refused or has not been taken, as the case may be.

(2) Any station master or other railway servant receiving any cotton returned under sub-section (1), or returned with a like intimation from a railway station specified in a notification under sub-section (3) of section 4, shall cause to be served on the consignor in any manner authorised by section 141 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890, a notice stating that the cotton has been so returned and requiring the consignor to pay any rate, terminal or other charges due in respect of the carriage of the cotton to and from the railway station to which it was consigned, and such charges shall be deemed to be due from the consignor for all the purposes of section 55 of that Act.

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6. Any person who, in contravention of the provisions of this Act <sup>Penalties.</sup> or of any <sup>5</sup>notification or rule made hereunder, knowingly takes delivery of any cotton from a notified station or imports, or attempts to import,

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Cotton Transport (Amendment) Act, 1925 (34 of 1925), s. 4.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by Act 34 of 1925, s. 5.

<sup>5</sup> For such notifications see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, p. 90.

any cotton into a protected area, and any station master or other railway servant who, in contravention of the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 5, without reasonable excuse, the burden of proving which shall lie upon him, delivers any cotton to a consignee or other person, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand rupees, and upon any subsequent conviction to imprisonment which may extend to three months, or to fine which may extend to five thousand rupees, or to both.

**Power to make rules.**

7. (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], make rules to provide for any of the following matters, namely :—

- (a) the prevention of the import into a protected area by road, river or sea, save under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence, of cotton the import of which into that area has been prohibited <sup>3</sup>[wholly or partly] by a notification under section 3;
- (b) the terms and conditions to be contained in licences and the authorities by which they may be granted; and
- (c) the manner in which licences and certified copies thereof shall be dealt with on and after the delivery of the cotton to which they relate.

(2) Any such rules may provide that any contravention thereof or of the conditions of any licence, not otherwise made punishable by this Act, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

**Previous approval of Provincial Legislature to issue of notifications and rules.**

8. No notification under section 3 or rule under section 7 shall be issued by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] of any Governor's Province, unless it has been laid in draft before <sup>4</sup>[the Legislative Assembly of the Province], and has been approved by a Resolution <sup>5</sup>[of that Assembly] either with or without modification or addition, but upon such approval being given the notification or rule, as the case may be, may be issued in the form in which it has been so approved:

<sup>6</sup>[Provided that if the Provincial Legislature has two Chambers, the notification must be laid in draft before, and be approved by Resolutions of, both Chambers, either without modifications or additions, or with modifications or additions approved by both Chambers.]

**Protection for acts done under Act.**

9. No suit or other legal proceeding shall be instituted against any person in respect of anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Cotton Transport (Amendment) Act, 1925 (34 of 1925), s. 6.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the Legislative Council of the Province".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "of the Legislative Council".

<sup>6</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

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ACT NO. IV OF 1923.<sup>1</sup>

[23rd February, 1923.]

An Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to the regulation and inspection of mines.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend and consolidate the law relating to the regulation and inspection of mines; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

## CHAPTER I.

## PRELIMINARY.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Mines Act, 1923.
- (2) It extends to the whole of British India<sup>2</sup>, including British Baluchistan and the Sonthal Parganas.

Short title,  
extent and  
commencement.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 327; and for Report of Joint Committee, see *ibid.*, 1923, Pt. V, p. 25.

<sup>2</sup> This Act has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch., and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

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(3) It shall come into force on the first day of July, 1924.

2. [Saving of Reg. XII of 1887.] Rep. by the A. O.

Definitions. 3. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “agent”, when used in relation to a mine, means any person appointed or acting as the representative of the owner in respect of the management of the mine or of any part thereof, and as such superior to a manager under this Act;

(b) “Chief Inspector” means the Chief Inspector of Mines appointed under this Act;

<sup>1</sup>[(c) “child” means a person who has not completed his fifteenth year;]

<sup>2</sup>[(cc) “day” means a period of twenty-four hours beginning at midnight;]

<sup>3</sup>[<sup>4</sup>(ccc) “District Magistrate” means, in a Presidency-town, the person appointed by the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] to perform the duties of a District Magistrate under this Act in that town;]

(d) a person is said to be “employed” in a mine who works under appointment by or with the knowledge of the manager, whether for wages or not, in any mining operation, or in cleaning or oiling any part of any machinery used in or about the mine, or in any other kind of work whatsoever incidental to, or connected with, mining operations;

(e) “Inspector” means an Inspector of Mines appointed under this Act, and includes a District Magistrate when exercising any power or performing any duty of an Inspector which he is empowered by this Act to exercise or perform;

(f) “mine” means any excavation where any operation for the purpose of searching for or obtaining minerals has been or is being carried on, and includes all works, machinery, tramways and sidings, whether above or below ground, in or adjacent to or belonging to a mine:

provided that it shall not include any part of such premises on which a manufacturing process is being carried on unless such process is a process for coke making or the dressing of minerals;

(g) “owner”, when used in relation to a mine, means any person who is the immediate proprietor or lessee or occupier

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1935 (5 of 1935), s. 2, for the original clause.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by s. 2, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1931 (21 of 1931), s. 2.

<sup>4</sup> The original cl. (cc) was re-lettered (ccc) by Act 5 of 1935, s. 2.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “L. G.”

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of the mine or of any part thereof, but does not include a person who merely receives a royalty, rent or fine from the mine, or is merely the proprietor of the mine subject to any lease, grant or license for the working thereof, or is merely the owner of the soil and not interested in the minerals of the mine; but any contractor for the working of a mine or any part thereof shall be subject to this Act in like manner as if he were an owner, but not so as to exempt the owner from any liability;

- (h) "prescribed" means prescribed by regulations, rules or bye-laws;
- (i) "qualified medical practitioner" means any person registered under the Medical Act, 1858, or any Act amending the same or under any Act of any Legislature in British India providing for the maintenance of a register of medical practitioners, and includes, in any area where no such last-mentioned Act is in force, any person declared by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], to be a qualified medical practitioner for the purposes of this Act;
- (j) "regulations", "rules" and "bye-laws" mean respectively regulations, rules and bye-laws made under this Act;
- <sup>3</sup>[(jj) where work of the same kind is carried out by two or more sets of workers working during different periods of the day, each of such sets is called a "relay";]
- (k) "serious bodily injury" means any injury which involves, or in all probability will involve, the permanent loss of the use of, or permanent injury to, any limb, or the permanent loss of or injury to the sight or hearing, or the fracture of any limb or the enforced absence of the injured person from work for a period exceeding twenty days; and
- (l) "week" means the period between midnight on Saturday night and midnight on the succeeding Saturday night.

## CHAPTER II.

### INSPECTORS.

4. (1) The <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>5</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint a duly qualified person to be Chief Inspector and Inspectors.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1935 (5 of 1935), s. 2.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

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of Mines for the whole of British India, and duly qualified persons to be Inspectors of Mines subordinate to the Chief Inspector.

(2) No person shall be appointed to be Chief Inspector or an Inspector, or having been appointed shall continue to hold such office who is or becomes directly or indirectly interested in any mine or mining rights in India.

(3) The District Magistrate may exercise the powers and perform the duties of an Inspector subject to the general or special orders of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government]:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall be deemed to empower a District Magistrate to exercise any of the powers conferred by section 19 or section 32.

(4) The Chief Inspector and every Inspector shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code.

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5. (1) The Chief Inspector may, by order in writing, prohibit or restrict the exercise by any Inspector named, or any class of Inspectors specified, in the order of any power conferred on Inspectors by this Act, and shall, subject as aforesaid, declare the local area or areas within which, or the group or class of mines with respect to which, Inspectors shall exercise their respective powers.

(2) The Inspector shall give information to owners, agents and managers of mines, situate within the local area or areas or belonging to the group or class of mines, in respect of which he exercises powers under sub-section (1) as to all regulations and rules which concern them respectively and as to the places where copies of such regulations and rules may be obtained.

Powers of  
Inspectors  
of Mines.

6. The Chief Inspector and any Inspector may—

(a) make such examination and inquiry as he thinks fit in order to ascertain whether the provisions of this Act and of the regulations, rules and bye-laws and of any orders made thereunder are observed in the case of any mine;

(b) with such assistants (if any) as he thinks fit, enter, inspect and examine any mine or any part thereof at any reasonable time by day or night, but not so as unreasonably to impede or obstruct the working of the mine;

(c) examine into, and make inquiry respecting, the state and condition of any mine or any part thereof, the ventilation of the mine, the sufficiency of the bye-laws for the time

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

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being in force relating to the mine, and all matters and things connected with or relating to the safety of the persons employed in the mine.

**7.** Any person in the service of the <sup>1</sup>[Crown] duly authorised by a special order in writing of the Chief Inspector or of an Inspector in this behalf may, for the purpose of surveying, levelling or measuring in any mine, after giving not less than three days' notice to the manager of such mine, enter the mine and may survey, level or measure the mine or any part thereof at any reasonable time by day or night, but not so as unreasonably to impede or obstruct the working of the mine.

**8.** Every owner, agent and manager of a mine shall afford the Chief Inspector and every Inspector and every person authorised under section 7 all reasonable facilities for making any entry, inspection, survey, measurement, examination or inquiry under this Act.

**9. (1)** All copies of, and extracts from, registers or other records appertaining to any mine, and all other information acquired by the Chief Inspector or an Inspector or by any one assisting him, in the course of the inspection of any mine under this Act or acquired by any person authorised under section 7 in the exercise of his duties thereunder, shall be regarded as confidential, <sup>2</sup>[and shall not be disclosed to any person other than a Magistrate or an official superior or the owner, agent or manager of the mine concerned, unless the Chief Inspector or the Inspector considers disclosure necessary to ensure the safety of any persons].

(2) If the Chief Inspector, or an Inspector or any other person referred to in sub-section (1) discloses, <sup>3</sup>[contrary to the provisions of sub-section (1)], any such information as aforesaid without the consent of <sup>4</sup>[the Central Government], he shall be guilty of a breach of official trust, and shall be punishable <sup>5</sup>[with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both].

(3) No Court shall proceed to the trial of any offence under this section, <sup>6</sup>[except with the previous sanction of the Central Government.]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1937 (29 of 1937), s. 3.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 3, *ibid.*, for "to any one other than a Magistrate or an officer to whom he is subordinate".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the G. G. in C. or of the L. G."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1925 (37 of 1925), s. 2 and Sch. I, for "in the manner provided by s. 4 of the Official Secrets Act, 1889."

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by Act 29 of 1937, s. 3, for the original words as amended by the A. O.

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### CHAPTER III.

#### MINING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

**Mining Boards.** 10. (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may constitute <sup>2</sup>[for any part of British India], or for any group or class of mines <sup>3\*</sup> \* \* \*, a Mining Board consisting of—

- (a) a person in the service of the Government, not being the Chief Inspector or an Inspector, nominated by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] to act as chairman;
- (b) the Chief Inspector or an Inspector;
- <sup>4</sup>[(c) a person, not being the Chief Inspector or an Inspector, nominated by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government];]
- (d) two persons nominated by owners of mines or their representatives in such manner as may be prescribed;
- <sup>5</sup>[(e) two persons to represent the interest of miners, who shall be nominated in accordance with the following provisions:—
  - (i) if there are one or more registered trade unions having in the aggregate as members not less than one quarter of the miners, the said persons shall be nominated by such trade union or trade unions in such manner as may be prescribed;
  - (ii) if sub-clause (i) is not applicable and there are one or more registered trade unions having in the aggregate as members not less than 1,000 miners, one of the said persons shall be nominated by such trade union or trade unions in such manner as may be prescribed and the other by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government];
  - (iii) if neither sub-clause (i) nor sub-clause (ii) is applicable, the said persons shall be nominated by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

*Explanation.*—In this clause “miner” means a person employed, otherwise than in a position of supervision or management, in any of the mines for which the Mining Board is constituted.]

(2) The chairman shall appoint a person to act as secretary to the Board.

(3) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may give directions as to the payment of travelling expenses incurred by the secretary or any member

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “L. G.”

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “for the province, or for any part of the province”.

<sup>3</sup> The words “in the province” rep. by the A. O.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1935 (5 of 1935), s. 3, for the original clause.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by s. 3, *ibid.*

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of any such Mining Board in the performance of his duty as such secretary or member.

**11.** (1) Where under this Act any question relating to a mine is referred to a Committee, the Committee shall consist of—

- (a) a chairman nominated by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or by such officer or authority as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may authorise in this behalf;
- (b) a person nominated by the chairman and qualified by experience to dispose of the question referred to the Committee; and
- (c) two persons of whom one shall be nominated by the owner, agent or manager of the mine concerned, and the other shall be nominated by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] to represent the interests of the persons employed in the mine.

(2) No Inspector or person employed in or in the management of any mine concerned shall serve as chairman or member of a Committee appointed under this section.

(3) Where an owner, agent or manager fails to exercise his power of nomination under clause (c) of sub-section (1), the Committee may, notwithstanding such failure, proceed to inquire into and dispose of the matter referred to it.

(4) The Committee shall hear and record such information as the Chief Inspector or the Inspector, or the owner, agent or manager of the mine concerned, may place before it, and shall intimate its decision to the Chief Inspector or the Inspector and to the owner, agent or manager of the mine, and shall report its decision to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

(5) On receiving such report the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall pass orders in conformity therewith unless the Chief Inspector or the owner, agent or manager of the mine has lodged an objection to the decision of the Committee, in which case the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may proceed to review such decision and to pass such orders in the matter as it may think fit. If an objection is lodged by the Chief Inspector, notice of the same shall forthwith be given to the owner, agent or manager of the mine.

(6) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may give directions as to the remuneration, if any, to be paid to the members of the Committee or any of them, and as to the payment of the expenses of the inquiry including such remuneration.

**12.** (1) Any Mining Board constituted under section 10 and any Committee constituted under section 11 may exercise such of the powers of an Inspector under this Act as it thinks necessary or expedient to exercise for the purpose of deciding or reporting upon any matter referred to it.

Powers of  
Mining  
Boards.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

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(2) Every Mining Board constituted under section 10 and every Committee appointed under section 11 shall have the powers of a Civil Court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for the purpose of enforcing the attendance of witnesses and compelling the production of documents and material objects; and every person required by any such Mining Board or Committee to furnish information before it shall be deemed to be legally bound to do so within the meaning of section 176 of the Indian Penal Code.

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Recovery of expenses.

**13.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may direct that the expenses of any inquiry conducted by a Mining Board constituted under section 10 or by a Committee appointed under section 11 shall be borne in whole or in part by the owner or agent of the mine concerned, and the amount so directed to be paid may, on application by the Chief Inspector or an Inspector to a Magistrate having jurisdiction at the place where the mine is situated or where such owner or agent is for the time being resident, be recovered by the distress and sale of any moveable property within the limits of the Magistrate's jurisdiction belonging to such <sup>2</sup>[owner or agent].

## CHAPTER IV.

### MINING OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF MINES.

Notice to be given of mining operations.

Managers.

Duties and responsibilities of owners, agents and managers.

**14.** The owner, agent or manager of a mine shall, in the case of an existing mine within one month from the commencement of this Act, or, in the case of a new mine, within three months after the commencement of mining operations, give to the District Magistrate of the district in which the mine is situated notice in writing in such form and containing such particulars relating to the mine as may be prescribed.

**15. (1)** Save as may be otherwise prescribed, every mine shall be under one manager who shall have the prescribed qualifications and shall be responsible for the control, management and direction of the mine, and the owner or agent of every mine shall appoint himself or some other person, having such qualifications, to be such manager.

**(2)** If any mine is worked without there being a manager for the mine as required by sub-section (1), the owner and agent shall each be deemed to have contravened the provisions of this section.

**16. (1)** The owner, agent and manager of every mine shall be responsible that all operations carried on in connection therewith are conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Act and of the regulations, rules and bye-laws and of any orders made thereunder.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1925 (37 of 1925), s. 2 and Sch. I, for "owner, agent or manager".

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(2) In the event of any contravention of any such provisions by any person whomsoever, the owner, agent and manager of the mine shall each be deemed also to be guilty of such contravention unless he proves that he had taken all reasonable means, by publishing and to the best of his power enforcing those provisions, to prevent such contravention:

Provided that the owner or agent shall not be so deemed if he proves—

- (a) that he was not in the habit of taking, and did not in respect of the matter in question take, any part in the management of the mine; and
- (b) that he had made all the financial and other provisions necessary to enable the manager to carry out his duties; and
- (c) that the offence was committed without his knowledge, consent or connivance.

(3) Save as hereinbefore provided, it shall not be a defence in any proceedings brought against an owner or agent of a mine under this section that a manager of the mine has been appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

## CHAPTER V.

### PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH AND SAFETY.

17. There shall be provided and maintained for every mine latrine and urinal accommodation of such kind and on such scale, and such supply of water fit for drinking, as may be prescribed.

18. At every mine in respect of which the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], declare this section to apply, such supply of ambulances or stretchers and of splints, bandages and other medical requirements, as may be prescribed, shall be kept ready at hand in a convenient place and in good and serviceable order.

19. (1) If, in any respect which is not provided against by any express provision of this Act or of the regulations, rules or bye-laws or of any orders made thereunder, it appears to the Chief Inspector or the Inspector that any mine, or any part thereof or any matter, thing or practice in or connected with the mine, or with the control, management or direction thereof, is dangerous to human life or safety, or defective so as to threaten, or tend to, the bodily injury of any person, he may give notice in writing thereof to the owner, agent or manager of the mine and shall state in the notice the particulars in which he considers the mine, or part thereof, or the matter, thing or practice, to be dangerous or defective and require the same to be remedied within such time as he may specify in the notice.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

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<sup>1</sup>[(1A) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions contained in sub-section (1), the Chief Inspector or the Inspector may, in any area to which the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may by notification<sup>3</sup> in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette] declare that this sub-section applies, by order in writing addressed to the owner, agent or manager of a mine,—

- (a) prohibit the extraction or reduction of pillars in any part of the mine if, in his opinion, such operation is likely to cause the crushing of pillars or the premature collapse of any part of the workings or otherwise endanger the mine, or if, in his opinion, adequate provision against the outbreak of fire has not been made by providing for the sealing off and isolation of the part of the mine in which such operation is contemplated and for restricting the area that might be affected by a fire; or
- (b) limit to such dimensions as he considers reasonable the galleries that may be driven in the mine;

and the provisions of sub-sections (3), (4), (5) and (6) shall apply to an order made under this sub-section as they apply to an order made under sub-section (2).]

(2) If the Chief Inspector or an Inspector authorised in this behalf by general or special order in writing by the Chief Inspector is of opinion that there is urgent and immediate danger to the life or safety of any person employed in any mine or part thereof, he may, by an order in writing containing a statement of the grounds of his opinion, prohibit, until the danger is removed, the employment in or about the mine or part thereof of any person whose employment is not in his opinion reasonably necessary for the purpose of removing the danger.

(3) Where an order has been made under sub-section (2) by an Inspector, the owner, agent or manager of the mine may, within ten days after the receipt of the order, appeal against the same to the Chief Inspector who may confirm, modify or cancel the order.

(4) The Chief Inspector or the Inspector making a requisition under sub-section (1) or an order under sub-section (2), and the Chief Inspector making an order (other than an order of cancellation) in appeal under sub-section (3), shall forthwith report the same to the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] and shall inform the owner, agent or manager of the mine that such report has been so made.

<sup>1</sup> Sub-section (1A) was ins. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1936 (11 of 1936), s. 2. This sub-section shall have effect for two years only from the commencement of Act 11 of 1936—see *ibid.*, s. 2 (2).

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>3</sup> For notification applying sub-section (1A) to Jheria Coal-field, see Gazette of India, 1936, Pt. I, p. 575.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Gazette of India”.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “L. G.”

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(5) If the owner, agent or manager of the mine objects to a requisition made under sub-section (1) or to an order made by the Chief Inspector under sub-section (2), or sub-section (3), he may, within twenty days after the receipt of the notice containing the requisition or of the order or after the date of the decision of the appeal, as the case may be, send his objection in writing, stating the grounds thereof, to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], which shall refer the same to a Committee.

(6) Every requisition made under sub-section (1), or order made under sub-section (2), or sub-section (3) to which objection is made under sub-section (5), shall be complied with pending the receipt at the mine of the decision of the Committee:

Provided that the Committee may, on the application of the owner, agent or manager, suspend the operation of a requisition under sub-section (1) pending its decision on the objection.

(7) Nothing in this section shall affect the powers of a Magistrate <sup>W of 1898.</sup> under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

<sup>2</sup>[20. (1)] When any accident occurs in or about a mine causing Notice to be given of loss of life or serious bodily injury, or when an accidental explosion, ignition, outbreak of fire or irruption of water occurs in or about a mine, the owner, agent or manager of the mine shall give such notice of the occurrence to such authorities, and in such form, and within such time, as may be prescribed.

<sup>3</sup>[(2) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], direct that accidents other than those specified in sub-section (1) which cause bodily injury resulting in the enforced absence from work of the person injured for a period exceeding forty-eight hours shall be entered in a register in the prescribed form or shall be subject to the provisions of sub-section (1).]

(3) A copy of the entries in the register referred to in sub-section (2) shall be sent by the owner, agent, or manager of the mine, within fourteen days after the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December in each year, to the Chief Inspector.]

21. (1) When any accidental explosion, ignition, outbreak of fire or irruption of water or other accident has occurred in or about any mine, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], if it is of opinion that a formal inquiry into the causes of, and circumstances attending, the accident ought to be held, may appoint a competent person to hold such inquiry, and may also appoint any person or persons possessing legal or special knowledge to act as assessor or assessors in holding the inquiry.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> The original s. 20 was re-numbered as sub-section (1) of that section by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1935 (5 of 1935), s. 4.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by s. 4, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

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(2) The person appointed to hold any such inquiry shall have all the powers of a Civil Court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, V of 1908, for the purpose of enforcing the attendance of witnesses and compelling the production of documents and material objects; and every person required by such person as aforesaid to furnish any information shall be deemed to be legally bound to do so within the meaning of section 176 of the Indian Penal Code.

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(3) Any person holding an inquiry under this section may exercise such of the powers of an Inspector under this Act as he may think it necessary or expedient to exercise for the purposes of the inquiry.

(4) The person holding an inquiry under this section shall make a report to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] stating the causes of the accident and its circumstances, and adding any observations which he or any of the assessors, may think fit to make.

Publication  
of reports.

**22.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may cause any report submitted by a Committee under section 11, <sup>2</sup>[and shall cause every report submitted] by a court of inquiry under section 21, to be published at such time and in such manner as it may think fit.

## CHAPTER VI.

### HOURS AND LIMITATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

Weekly day  
of rest.

<sup>3</sup>[**22A.** No person shall be allowed to work in a mine on more than six days in any one week.

Hours of  
work above  
ground.

**22B.** (1) A person employed above ground in a mine shall not be allowed to work for more than fifty-four hours in any week or for more than ten hours in any day.

(2) The periods of work of any such person shall be so arranged that, along with his intervals for rest, they shall not in any day spread over more than twelve hours, and that he shall not work for more than six hours before he has had an interval for rest of at least one hour.

(3) Persons belonging to two or more relays shall not be allowed to do work of the same kind above ground at the same moment:

Provided that for the purposes of this sub-section persons shall not be deemed to belong to separate relays by reason only of the fact that they receive their intervals for rest at different times.

Hours of  
work below  
ground.

**22C.** (1) A person employed below ground in a mine shall not be allowed to work for more than nine hours in any day.

(2) Work of the same kind shall not be carried on below ground in any mine for a period spreading over more than nine hours in any day

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1935 (5 of 1935), s. 5, for "or".

<sup>3</sup> Sections 22A to 22D were ins. by s. 6, *ibid.*

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except by a system of relays so arranged that the periods of work for each relay are not spread over more than nine hours.

(3) No person employed in a mine shall be allowed to be in any part of the mine below ground except during the periods of work shown in respect of him in the register kept under sub-section (1) of section 28.

**22D.** Where a worker works in a relay whose period of work extends over midnight, the ensuing day for him shall be deemed to be the period of twenty-four hours beginning at the end of the period of work fixed for the relay, and the hours he has worked after midnight shall be counted towards the previous day.]

<sup>1</sup>[**23.** No person shall be allowed to work in a mine who has already been working in any other mine within the preceding twelve hours.]

Prohibition  
of employ-  
ment of  
certain  
persons.

**23A.** [*Limitation of working hours.*] Rep. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1935 (V of 1935), s. 8.

<sup>2</sup>[**23B.** (1) The manager of every mine shall cause to be posted outside the office of the mine a notice in the prescribed form stating the time of the commencement and of the end of work at the mine and, if it is proposed to work by a system of <sup>3</sup>[relays], the time of the commencement and of the end of work for each <sup>4</sup>[relay]. <sup>5</sup>[The notice shall also state the time of the commencement and of the end of the intervals for rest fixed for persons employed above ground.] A copy of each such notice shall be sent to the Chief Inspector, if he so requires.

(2) In the case of a mine at which mining operations commence after the 14th day of April, 1930, the notice referred to in sub-section (1) shall be posted not less than seven days before the commencement of work.

(3) Where it is proposed to make any alteration in the time fixed for the commencement or for the end of work in the mine generally or for any <sup>4</sup>[relay or in the rest intervals fixed for persons employed above ground], an amended notice in the prescribed form shall be posted outside the office of the mine not less than seven days before the change is made, and a copy of such notice shall be sent to the Chief Inspector not less than seven days before such change <sup>6\*</sup> \* \* .]

<sup>5</sup>[**(4)** No person shall be allowed to work in a mine otherwise than in accordance with the notice required by sub-section (1).]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1935 (5 of 1935), s. 7, for the original section.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1928 (13 of 1928), s. 3.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by Act 5 of 1935, s. 9, for "shifts".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 9, *ibid.*, for "shift".

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by s. 9, *ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> The words "if he so requires or if the original notice was sent to him" rep. by s. 9, *ibid.*

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**Supervising staff.**

**24.** Nothing in <sup>1</sup>[section 22A, section 22B, section 22C, section 23, or sub-section (4) of section 23B] shall apply to persons who may by rules be defined to be persons holding positions of supervision or management or employed in a confidential capacity.

**Exemption from provisions regarding employment.**

**25.** In case of an emergency involving serious risk to the safety of the mine or of persons employed therein, the manager may, subject to the provisions of section 19, permit persons to be employed in contravention of <sup>2</sup>[section 22A, section 22B, section 22C, section 23, or sub-section (4) of section 23B] on such work as may be necessary to protect the safety of the mine or of the persons employed therein:

Provided that, where such occasion arises, a record of the fact shall immediately be made by the manager and shall be placed before the Chief Inspector or the Inspector at his next inspection of the mine.

**Children.**

**26.** No child shall be employed in a mine, or be allowed to be present in any part of a mine which is below ground.

**Young persons not to be allowed underground without certificates of fitness.**

**<sup>3</sup>[26A.]** No person who has not completed his seventeenth year shall be allowed to be present in any part of a mine which is below ground, unless—

- (a) a certificate of fitness in the prescribed form and granted to him by a qualified medical practitioner is in the custody of the manager of the mine, and
- (b) he carries while at work token giving a reference to such certificate.]

**Disputes as to age.**

**27.** (1) If any question arises between the Chief Inspector or the Inspector and the manager of any mine as to whether any person is a child <sup>4</sup>[or has not completed his seventeenth year], the question shall, in the absence of a certificate as to the age of such person granted in the prescribed manner, be referred by the Chief Inspector or the Inspector for decision to a qualified medical practitioner. •

(2) Every certificate as to the age of a person which has been granted in the prescribed manner and any certificate granted by a qualified medical practitioner on a reference under sub-section (1) shall, for the purposes of this Act, be conclusive evidence as to the age of the person to whom it relates.

**Register of employees.**

**<sup>5</sup>[28.] (1)** For every mine there shall be kept in the prescribed form and place a register of all persons employed in the mine showing, in respect of each such person,—

- (a) the nature of his employment,
- (b) the periods of work fixed for him,

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by s. 10 of the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1935 (5 of 1935), for "s. 23 or s. 23A".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 11, *ibid.*, for "s. 23 or 23A".

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by s. 12, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by s. 13, *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 14, *ibid.*, for the original section.

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- (c) the intervals for rest, if any, to which he is entitled,
- (d) the days of rest to which he is entitled, and
- (e) where work is carried on by a system of relays, the relay to which he belongs.

(2) The entries in the register prescribed by sub-section (1) shall be such that workers working in accordance therewith would not be working in contravention of any of the provisions of this Chapter.

(3) No person shall be employed in a mine until the particulars required by sub-section (1) have been recorded in the register in respect of such person and no person shall be employed except during the periods of work shown in respect of him in the register.

(4) For every mine to which the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by general or special order, declare this sub-section to be applicable, there shall be kept in the prescribed form and place a register which shall show at any moment the name of every person then working below ground in the mine.]

## CHAPTER VII.

### REGULATIONS, RULES AND BYE-LAWS.

29. The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], make regulations<sup>4</sup> consistent with this Act for all or any of the following purposes, namely:—

- (a) for prescribing the qualifications to be required by a person for appointment as Chief Inspector or Inspector;
- (b) for prescribing and regulating the duties and powers of the Chief Inspector and of Inspectors in regard to the inspection of mines under this Act;
- (c) for prescribing the duties of owners, agents and managers of mines and of persons acting under them;
- (d) for prescribing the qualifications of managers of mines and of persons acting under them;
- (e) for regulating the manner of ascertaining, by examination or otherwise, the qualifications of managers of mines and persons acting under them, and the granting and renewal of certificates of competency;

Power of  
Central  
Government  
to make  
regula-  
tions.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> For the Indian Coal Mines Regulations, 1926, see Gazette of India, 1926, Pt. I, p. 965; for the Indian Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1926, see *ibid.*, p. 1004; for the Indian Oil Mines Regulations, 1933, see *ibid.*, 1933, Pt. I, p. 1845; and for Regulations for prohibiting the employment of women underground in mines, see *ibid.*, 1937, Pt. I, p. 208.

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- (f) for fixing the fees, if any, to be paid in respect of such examinations and of the grant and renewal of such certificates;
- (g) for determining the circumstances in which and the conditions subject to which it shall be lawful for more mines than one to be under a single manager, or for any mine or mines to be under a manager not having the prescribed qualifications;
- (h) for providing for the making of inquiries into charges of misconduct or incompetency on the part of managers of mines and persons acting under them and for the suspension and cancellation of certificates of competency;
- (i) for regulating, subject to the provisions of the Indian Explosives Act, 1884, and of any rules made thereunder, the storage and use of explosives;
- (j) for prohibiting, restricting or regulating the employment in mines or in any class of mines of women either below ground or on particular kinds of labour which are attended by danger to the life, safety or health of such women;
- (k) for providing for the safety of the persons employed in a mine, their means of entrance thereto and exit therefrom, the number of shafts or outlets to be furnished, and the fencing of shafts, pits, outlets, pathways and subsidences;
- (l) for providing for the safety of the roads and working places in mines, including the siting and maintenance of pillars and the maintenance of sufficient barriers between mine and mine;
- (m) for providing <sup>1</sup>[and regulating] for the ventilation of mines and the action to be taken in respect of dust and noxious gases;
- (n) for providing for the care, and the regulation of the use, of all machinery and plant and of all electrical apparatus used for signalling purposes;
- (o) for requiring and regulating the use of safety lamps in mines;
- <sup>2</sup>[(p) for providing against explosions or ignitions or irrigations of or accumulations of water in mines and against danger arising therefrom, and for prohibiting, restricting or regulating the extraction of minerals in circumstances likely to result in or to aggravate irrigations of water or ignitions in mines;]
- (q) for prescribing the notices of accidents and dangerous occurrences, and the notices, reports and returns of mineral output, persons employed and other matters provided for by regulations, to be furnished by owners, agents and

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1936 (11 of 1936), s. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 3, *ibid.*, for the original clause.

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managers of mines, and for prescribing the forms of such notices, returns and reports, the persons and authorities to whom they are to be furnished, the particulars to be contained in them, and the time within which they are to be submitted;

- (r) for prescribing the plans to be kept by owners, agents and managers of mines and the manner and places in which such plans are to be kept for purposes of record;
- (s) for regulating the procedure on the occurrence of accidents or accidental explosions or ignitions in or about mines;
- (t) for prescribing the form of, and the particulars to be contained in, the notice to be given by the owner, agent or manager of a mine under section 14; and
- (u) for prescribing the notice to be given by the owner, agent or manager of a mine before mining operations are commenced at or extended to any point within fifty yards of any railway subject to the provisions of the Indian Railways Act, 1890, or of any public work or classes of public works which the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by general or special order, specify in this behalf.

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**30.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* by notification in Power of  
the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], make rules consistent with this Act for all or  
any of the following purposes, namely:—

Central  
Govern-  
ment to  
make rules.

- (a) for providing for the appointment of chairmen and members of Mining Boards, and for regulating the procedure of such Boards;
- \*[(aa) for prescribing the form of the register referred to in sub-section (2) of section 20;]
- (b) for providing for the appointment of courts of inquiry under section 21, for regulating the procedure and powers of such courts, for the payment of travelling allowance to the members, and for the recovery of the expenses of such courts from the manager, owner or agent of the mine concerned;
- (c) for prescribing the scale of latrine and urinal accommodation to be provided at mines, the provision to be made for the supply of drinking-water, the supply and maintenance of medical appliances and comforts, <sup>5\*</sup> \* \* and the training of men in ambulance work;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> The words "subject to the control of the G. G. in C." rep. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1935 (5 of 1935), s. 15.

<sup>5</sup> The words "the formation and training of rescue brigades" rep. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1936 (11 of 1936), s. 4.

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- <sup>1</sup>[(cc) for prescribing the forms of notices required under section 23B, and for requiring such notices to be posted also in specified vernaculars;]
- (d) for defining the persons who shall, for the purpose of section 24, be deemed to be persons holding positions of supervision or management or employed in a confidential capacity;
- (e) for prohibiting the employment in mines of persons or any class of persons who have not been certified by a qualified medical practitioner <sup>2</sup>[to have completed their fifteenth year], and for prescribing the manner and the circumstances in which such certificates may be granted and revoked;
- <sup>3</sup>[(ee) for prescribing the form of the certificates of fitness required by section 26A and the circumstances in which such certificates may be granted and revoked;]
- (f) for prescribing the form of <sup>4</sup>[registers] required by section 28;
- (g) for prescribing abstracts of this Act <sup>5</sup>[and of the regulations and rules] and the vernacular in which the abstracts and <sup>\*\* \* \*</sup> bye-laws shall be posted as required by sections 32 and 33;
- (h) for requiring the fencing of any mine or part of a mine whether the same is being worked or not, where such fencing is necessary for the protection of the public;
- (i) for the protection from injury, in respect of any mine when the workings are discontinued, of property vested in His Majesty or any local authority or railway company as defined in the Indian Railways Act, 1890;
- (j) for requiring notices, returns and reports in connection with any matters dealt with by rules to be furnished by owners, agents and managers of mines, and for prescribing the forms of such notices, returns and reports, the persons and authorities to whom they are to be furnished, the particulars to be contained in them, and the times within which they are to be submitted; and
- (k) generally to provide for any matter not provided for by this Act or the regulations, provision for which is required in order to give effect to this Act.

IX of 1890.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1928 (13 of 1928), s. 6.<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1935 (5 of 1935), s. 15, for "to be more than thirteen years of age".<sup>3</sup> Ins. by s. 15, *ibid.*<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 15, *ibid.*, for "register".<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1925 (37 of 1925), s. 2 and Sch. I.<sup>6</sup> The words "the regulations, rules and" rep. by s. 2 and Sch. I., *ibid.*

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<sup>1</sup>[**30A.** The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the Power of  
<sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], make <sup>4</sup>[rules] under this section—

- <sup>5</sup>[(a) requiring the establishment of central rescue stations for to require rescue stations to be established groups of specified mines or for all mines in a specified area, and prescribing how and by whom such stations shall be established;
- (b) providing for the management of central rescue stations, and regulating the constitution, powers and functions of, and the conduct of business by, the authorities (which shall include representatives of the owners and managers of, and of the miners employed in, the mines or groups of mines concerned) charged with such management;
- (c) prescribing the position, equipment, control, maintenance and functions of central rescue stations;
- (d) providing for the levy and collection of a duty of excise (at a rate not exceeding six pies per ton) on coke and coal produced in and despatched from mines specified under clause (a) in any group or included under clause (a) in any specified area, the utilisation of the proceeds thereof for the creation of a central rescue station fund for such group or area and the administration of such funds;
- (e) providing for the formation, training, composition, and duties of rescue brigades; and
- (f) providing generally for the conduct of rescue work in mines.]]

**31.** (1) The power to make regulations and rules conferred by sections 29 <sup>6</sup>[, 30 and 30A] is subject to the condition of the regulations and rules being made after previous publication.

X of 1897.

Prior publication of regulations and rules.

(2) The date to be specified in accordance with clause (3) of section 23 of the General Clauses Act, 1897, as that after which a draft of regulations or rules proposed to be made will be taken under consideration, shall not be less than three months from the date on which the draft of the proposed regulations or rules is published for general information.

(3) Before the draft of any regulation <sup>7\*</sup> \* \* is published under this section it shall be referred <sup>8\*</sup> \* \* to every Mining Board constituted in British India, <sup>9</sup>[which is, in the opinion of the <sup>2</sup>[Central

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1936 (11 of 1936), s. 5.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1937 (29 of 1937), s. 4, for "regulations".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 4, *ibid.*, for the original clauses.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by s. 5, *ibid.*, for "and 30".

<sup>7</sup> The words "or rule" rep. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1928 (13 of 1928), s. 7.

<sup>8</sup> The words "in the case of a regulation" rep. by s. 7, *ibid.*

<sup>9</sup> Ins. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1935 (5 of 1935), s. 16.

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Government], concerned with the subject dealt with by the regulation] <sup>1\*</sup> \* \* \* and the regulation <sup>2\*</sup> \* shall not be so published until each such Board has had a reasonable opportunity of reporting as to the expediency of making the same and as to the suitability of its provisions.

<sup>3</sup>[(34) No rule shall be made unless the draft thereof has been referred to every Mining Board constituted <sup>4</sup>[in the part of British India affected by the rule], and unless each such Board has had a reasonable opportunity of reporting as to the expediency of making the same and as to the suitability of its provisions.]

(4) Regulations and rules shall be published in the <sup>5</sup>[Official Gazette] <sup>6\*</sup> \* \* \* and, on such publication, shall have effect as if enacted in this Act.

Power to make regulations without previous publication.

<sup>7</sup>[(31A. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) of section 31, regulations under clause (i) and clauses (k) to (s) inclusive of section 29 may be made without previous publication and without previous reference to Mining Boards, if the <sup>8</sup>[Central Government] is satisfied that for the prevention of apprehended danger or the speedy remedy of conditions likely to cause danger it is necessary in making such regulations to dispense with the delay that would result from such publication and reference:

Provided that any regulations so made shall not remain in force for more than two years from the making thereof.]

Bye-laws.

32. (1) The owner, agent or manager of a mine may, and shall, if called upon to do so by the Chief Inspector or Inspector, frame and submit to the Chief Inspector or Inspector a draft of such bye-laws, not being inconsistent with this Act or any regulations or rules for the time being in force, for the control and guidance of the persons acting in the management of, or employed in, the mine as such owner, agent or manager may deem necessary to prevent accidents and provide for the safety, convenience and discipline of the persons employed in the mine.

(2) If any such owner, agent or manager—

(a) fails to submit within two months a draft of bye-laws after being called upon to do so by the Chief Inspector or Inspector, or

<sup>1</sup> The words "and in the case of a rule to every Mining Board constituted in the Province" rep. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1928 (13 of 1928), s. 7.

<sup>2</sup> The words "or rule" rep. by s. 7, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by s. 7, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "in the Province for which it is proposed to make the rule".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>6</sup> The words "and the local official Gazette, respectively" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1936 (11 of 1936), s. 6. For instances of regulations made under this section, see Gazette of India, 1936, Pt. I, pp. 598 and 868 and Gazette of India, 1937, Pt. I, pp. 176 and 1333.

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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(b) submits a draft of bye-laws which is not in the opinion of the Chief Inspector or Inspector sufficient, the Chief Inspector or Inspector may—

- (i) propose a draft of such bye-laws as appear to him to be sufficient, or
- (ii) propose such amendments in any draft submitted to him by the owner, agent or manager as will, in his opinion, render it sufficient,

and shall send such draft bye-laws or draft amendments to the owner, agent or manager, as the case may be, for consideration.

(3) If within a period of two months from the date on which any draft bye-laws or draft amendments are sent by the Chief Inspector or Inspector to the owner, agent or manager under the provisions of sub-section (2), the Chief Inspector or Inspector and the owner, agent or manager are unable to agree as to the terms of the bye-laws to be made under sub-section (1), the Chief Inspector or Inspector shall refer the draft bye-laws for settlement to the Mining Board or, where there is no Mining Board, to such officer or authority as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by general or special order, appoint in this behalf.

(4) (a) When such draft bye-laws have been agreed to by the owner, agent or manager and the Chief Inspector or Inspector, or, when they are unable to agree, have been settled by the Mining Board or such officer or authority as aforesaid, a copy of the draft bye-laws shall be sent by the Chief Inspector or Inspector to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] for approval.

(b) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may make such modifications of the draft bye-laws as it thinks fit.

(c) Before the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] approves the draft bye-laws, whether with or without modifications, there shall be published, in such manner as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may think best adapted for informing the persons affected, notice of the proposal to make the bye-laws and of the place where copies of the draft bye-laws may be obtained, and of the time (which shall not be less than thirty days) within which any objections with reference to the draft bye-laws, made by or on behalf of persons affected should be sent to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

(d) Every objection shall be in writing and shall state—

- (i) the specific grounds of objection, and
- (ii) the omissions, additions or modifications asked for.

(e) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall consider any objection made within the required time by or on behalf of persons appearing to it to be affected, and may approve the bye-laws either in the form in which they were published or after making such amendments thereto as it thinks fit.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

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(5) The bye-laws, when so approved by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall have effect as if enacted in this Act, and the owner, agent or manager of the mine shall cause a copy of the bye-laws, in English and in such vernacular or vernaculars as may be prescribed, to be posted up in some conspicuous place at or near the mine, where the bye-laws may be conveniently read or seen by the persons employed; and, as often as the same become defaced, obliterated or destroyed, shall cause them to be renewed with all reasonable despatch.

(6) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by order in writing, rescind, in whole or in part, any bye-law so made, and thereupon such bye-law shall cease to have effect accordingly.

Posting up  
of extracts  
from Act,  
regulations,  
etc.

**33.** There shall be kept posted up at or near every mine in English and in such vernacular or vernaculars as may be prescribed, the prescribed abstracts of the Act and of the regulations and rules.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### PENALTIES AND PROCEDURE.

Obstruction.

**34.** (1) Whoever obstructs the Chief Inspector, an Inspector or any person authorised under section 7 in the discharge of his duties under this Act, or refuses or wilfully neglects to afford the Chief Inspector, an Inspector or such person any reasonable facility for making any entry, inspection, examination or inquiry authorised by or under this Act in relation to any mine, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.

(2) Whoever refuses to produce on the demand of the Chief Inspector or Inspector any registers or other documents kept in pursuance of this Act, or prevents or attempts to prevent or does anything which he has reason to believe to be likely to prevent, any person from appearing before or being examined by an inspecting officer acting in pursuance of his duties under this Act, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to three hundred rupees.

Falsification  
of records,  
etc.

**35.** Whoever—

(a) counterfeits, or knowingly makes a false statement in, any certificate, or any official copy of a certificate, granted under this Act, or

(b) knowingly uses as true any such counterfeit or false certificate, or

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

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- (c) makes or produces or uses any false declaration, statement or evidence knowing the same to be false, for the purpose of obtaining for himself or for any other person a certificate, or the renewal of a certificate, under this Act, or any employment in a mine, or
- (d) falsifies any plan or register or record the maintenance of which is required by or under this Act, or
- (e) makes, gives or delivers any plan, return, notice, record or report containing a statement, entry or detail which is not to the best of his knowledge or belief true,

shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.

**36.** Any person who, without reasonable excuse the burden of proving which shall lie upon him, omits to make or furnish in the prescribed form or manner or at or within the prescribed time any plan, return, notice, register, record or report required by or under this Act to be made or furnished shall be punishable with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

**37.** Whoever, save as permitted by section 25, contravenes any provision of this Act or of any regulation, rule or bye-law or of any order made thereunder prohibiting, restricting or regulating the employment or presence of persons in or about a mine shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

**38.** <sup>1</sup>[(1)] Whoever, in contravention of the provisions of section (1) of section 20, fails to give notice of any accidental occurrence shall, if the occurrence results in serious bodily injury, be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees or, if the occurrence results in loss of life, be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three months or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.

<sup>2</sup>[(2)] Whoever, in contravention of a direction made by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] under sub-section (2) of section 20 fails to record in the prescribed register or to give notice of any accidental occurrence shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.]

**39.** Whoever contravenes any provision of this Act or of any regulation, rule or bye-law or of any order made thereunder for the contravention of which no penalty is hereinbefore provided shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, and, in the case of a continuing contravention, with a further fine which may

<sup>1</sup> The original section 38 was renumbered as sub-section (1) of that section by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1935 (5 of 1935), s. 17.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by s. 17, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

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extend to one hundred rupees for every day on which the offender is proved to have persisted in the contravention after the date of the first conviction.

Contraven-tion of law with dangerous results.

**40.** (1) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, whoever contravenes any provision of this Act or of any regulation, rule or bye-law or of any order made thereunder, shall be punishable, if such contravention results in loss of life, with imprisonment which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both; or, if such contravention results in serious bodily injury, with imprisonment which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both; or, if such contravention otherwise causes injury or danger to workers or other persons in or about the mine, with imprisonment which may extend to one month, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.

(2) Where a person having been convicted under this section is again convicted thereunder, he shall be punishable with double the punishment provided by sub-section (1).

(3) Any Court imposing, or confirming in appeal, revision or otherwise, a sentence of fine passed under this section may, when passing judgment, order the whole or any part of the fine recovered to be paid as compensation to the person injured, or, in the case of his death, to his legal representative:

Provided that, if the fine is imposed in a case which is subject to appeal, no such payment shall be made before the period allowed for presenting the appeal has elapsed, or, if an appeal has been presented, before the decision of the appeal.

Prosecution of owner, agent or manager.

**41.** No prosecution shall be instituted against any owner, agent or manager for any offence under this Act except at the instance of the Chief Inspector or of the District Magistrate or of an Inspector authorised in this behalf by general or special order in writing by the Chief Inspector.

Limitation of prosecutions.

**42.** No Court shall take cognizance of any offence under this Act unless complaint thereof has been made within six months of the date on which the offence is alleged to have been committed.

Cognizance of offences.

**43.** No Court inferior to that of a Presidency Magistrate or Magistrate of the first class shall try any offence under this Act which is alleged to have been committed by any owner, agent or manager of a mine or any offence which is by this Act made punishable with imprisonment.

Reference to Mining Board or Committee in lieu of prosecution.

**44.** (1) If the Court trying any case instituted at the instance of the Chief Inspector or of the District Magistrate or of an Inspector under this Act is of opinion that the case is one which should, in lieu of a prosecution, be referred to a Mining Board or a Committee, it may

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stay the criminal proceedings, and report the matter to the <sup>1</sup>[Central in certain cases. Government] with a view to such reference being made.

(2) On receipt of a report under sub-section (1), the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may refer the case to a Mining Board or a Committee, or may direct the Court to proceed with the trial.

## CHAPTER IX.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

**45.** If any question arises as to whether any excavation or working is a mine within the meaning of this Act, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may decide the question, and a certificate signed by a Secretary to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall be conclusive on the point. Decision of question whether a mine is under this Act.

**46.** (1) The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], exempt <sup>4</sup>[either absolutely or subject to any specified conditions] any local area or any mine or group or class of mines or any part of a mine or any class of persons from the operation of all or any specified provisions of this Act:

Provided that no local area or mine or group or class of mines shall be exempted from the provisions of section 26 unless it is also exempted from the operation of all the other provisions of this Act.

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**47.** The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] <sup>6\*</sup> \* \* may reverse or modify <sup>7\*</sup> \* \* any order passed under this Act. Power to alter or rescind orders.

**48.** This Act shall apply to mines belonging to the Crown. Application of Act to Crown mines.

**49.** No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding whatever shall lie against any person for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act. Saving.

**50.** [Repeals.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

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**THE SCHEDULE.—[ENACTMENTS REPEALED.]** Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the Indian Mines (Amendment) Act, 1935 (5 of 1935), s. 18.

<sup>5</sup> Sub-section (2) rep. by the A. O.

<sup>6</sup> The words "and every L. G." rep. by the A. O.

<sup>7</sup> The words "by any authority subject to his or its control, as the case may be" rep. by the A. O.

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THE SCHEDULE.—[Repealed.]

Act No. V of 1923.<sup>1</sup>

[23rd February, 1923.]

## An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to steam-boilers.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to steam-boilers; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Boilers Act, 1923.

Short title,  
extent and  
commencement.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan and the Sonthal Parganas.

(3) It shall come into force on such date<sup>2</sup> as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or Definitions. context,—

(a) “accident” means an explosion of a boiler or steam-pipe or any damage to a boiler or steam-pipe which is calculated to weaken the strength thereof so as to render it liable to explode;

<sup>5</sup>[(aa) “Board” means the Central Boilers Board constituted under section 27A;]

(b) “boiler” means any closed vessel exceeding five gallons in capacity which is used expressly for generating steam under pressure <sup>6\*</sup> \* \* and includes any mounting or other fitting attached to such vessel, which is wholly or partly under pressure when steam is shut off;

(c) “Chief Inspector” and “Inspector” mean, respectively, a person appointed to be a Chief Inspector and an Inspector under this Act;

(d) “owner” includes any person using a boiler as agent of the owner thereof and any person using a boiler which he has hired or obtained on loan from the owner thereof;

(e) “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations or rules made under this Act;

(f) “steam-pipe” means any main pipe exceeding three inches in internal diameter through which steam passes directly from a boiler to a prime-mover or other first user, and includes any connected fitting of a steam-pipe; and

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 249; and for Report of Joint Committee, see *ibid.*, 1923, Pt. V, p. 15.

<sup>2</sup> This Act came into force on 1st January, 1924, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, p. 134.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Gazette of India”.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the Indian Boilers (Amendment) Act, 1937 (11 of 1937), s. 3.

<sup>6</sup> The words “for use outside such vessel” rep. by the Indian Boilers (Amendment) Act, 1929 (9 of 1929), s. 2.

(g) "structural alteration, addition or renewal" shall not be deemed to include any renewal or replacement of a petty nature when the part or fitting used for replacement is not inferior in strength, efficiency or otherwise to the replaced part or fitting.

**Limitation  
of applica-  
tion.**

3. (1) Nothing in this Act shall apply in the case of any boiler or steam-pipe—

(a) in any steam-ship as defined in section 3 of the <sup>1</sup>Indian Steam-ships Act, 1884, or in any steam-vessel as defined in section 2 of the Inland Steam-vessels Act, 1917; or <sup>VII of 1884.  
I of 1917.</sup>

(b) belonging to or under the control of His Majesty's Navy or <sup>2</sup>[the Royal Indian Navy].

(2) The <sup>3</sup>[Safety Controlling Authority] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], declare that the provisions of this Act shall not apply in the case of boilers or steam-pipes, or of any specified class of boilers or steam-pipes, belonging to or under the control of any railways <sup>5</sup>administered <sup>6</sup>[by the Federal Railway Authority or by any Provincial Government] or by any railway company as defined in clause (5) of section 3 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890. <sup>IX of 1890.</sup>

<sup>7</sup>[In this sub-section, "Safety Controlling Authority" has the same meaning as in the Indian Railways Act, 1890.] <sup>IX of 1890.</sup>

**Power to  
limit extent.**

4. The <sup>8</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], exclude <sup>9</sup>any specified area from the operation of all or any specified provisions of this Act.

**Appoint-  
ment of  
Chief Ins-  
pectors and  
Inspectors.**

5. (1) The <sup>9</sup>[Provincial Government] may appoint such persons as it thinks fit to be Inspectors for the Province for the purposes of this Act, and may define the local limits within which each Inspector shall exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred and imposed on Inspectors by or under this Act.

(2) The <sup>9</sup>[Provincial Government] shall likewise appoint a person to be Chief Inspector for the Province, who may, in addition to the powers and duties conferred or imposed on the Chief Inspector by or under this Act, exercise any power or perform any duty so conferred or imposed on Inspectors.

(3) Every Chief Inspector and every Inspector shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code. <sup>XLV of  
1860.</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See now the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 (21 of 1923), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the Royal Indian Marine Service".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>5</sup> For list of Railways notified under this section, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, p. 184.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "by the Govt."

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>8</sup> The Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been excluded from the operation of the provisions of this Act; see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, p. 185.

<sup>9</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

**6.** Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, no owner of a boiler shall use the boiler or permit it to be used—  
Prohibition  
of use of  
unregistered  
or uncertifi-  
cated boiler.

- (a) unless it has been registered in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (b) in the case of any boiler which has been transferred from one Province to another, until the transfer has been reported in the prescribed manner;
- (c) unless a certificate or provisional order authorising the use of the boiler is for the time being in force under this Act;
- (d) at a pressure higher than the maximum pressure recorded in such certificate or provisional order;
- (e) where the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] has made rules requiring that boilers shall be in charge of persons holding certificates of competency, unless the boiler is in charge of a person holding the certificate required by such rules:

Provided that any boiler registered, or any boiler certified or licensed, under any Act hereby repealed shall be deemed to have been registered or certified, as the case may be, under this Act:

Provided, further, that, until the expiration of twelve months from the commencement of this Act, nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the use of any boiler in any local area in which the registration of, or a certificate or licence for the use of, a boiler was not previously required by law.

**7.** (1) The owner of any boiler which is not registered under the Registration provisions of this Act may apply to the Inspector to have the boiler registered. Every such application shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

(2) On receipt of an application under sub-section (1), the Inspector shall fix a date, within thirty days or such shorter period as may be prescribed from the date of the receipt, for the examination of the boiler and shall give the owner thereof not less than ten days' notice of the date so fixed.

(3) On the said date the Inspector shall proceed to measure and examine the boiler and to determine in the prescribed manner the maximum pressure, if any, at which such boiler may be used, and shall report the result of the examination to the Chief Inspector in the prescribed form.

(4) The Chief Inspector, on receipt of the report, may—

- (a) register the boiler and assign a register number thereto either forthwith or after satisfying himself that any structural alteration, addition or renewal which he may deem necessary has been made in or to the boiler or any steam-pipe attached thereto, or

- (b) refuse to register the boiler:

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

Provided that where the Chief Inspector refuses to register a boiler, he shall forthwith communicate his refusal to the owner of the boiler together with the reasons therefor.

(5) The Chief Inspector shall, on registering the boiler, order the issue to the owner of a certificate in the prescribed form authorising the use of the boiler for a period not exceeding twelve months at a pressure not exceeding such maximum pressure as he thinks fit and as is in accordance with the regulations made under this Act.

(6) The Inspector shall forthwith convey to the owner of the boiler the orders of the Chief Inspector and shall in accordance therewith issue to the owner any certificate of which the issue has been ordered, and, where the boiler has been registered, the owner shall within the prescribed period cause the register number to be permanently marked thereon in the prescribed manner.

**Renewal of certificate.** 8. (1) A certificate authorising the use of a boiler shall cease to be in force—

- (a) on the expiry of the period for which it was granted; or
- (b) when any accident occurs to the boiler; or
- (c) when the boiler is moved, the boiler not being a vertical boiler the heating surface of which is less than two hundred square feet, or a portable or vehicular boiler; or
- (d) when any structural alteration, addition or renewal is made in or to the boiler; or
- (e) if the Chief Inspector in any particular case so directs, when any structural alteration, addition, or renewal is made in or to any steam-pipe attached to the boiler; or
- (f) on the communication to the owner of the boiler of an order of the Chief Inspector or Inspector prohibiting its use on the ground that it or any steam-pipe attached thereto is in a dangerous condition.

(2) Where an order is made under clause (f) of sub-section (1), the grounds on which the order is made shall be communicated to the owner with the order.

(3) When a certificate ceases to be in force, the owner of the boiler may apply to the Inspector for a renewal thereof for such period not exceeding twelve months as he may specify in the application.

(4) An application under sub-section (3) shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee and, on receipt thereof, the Inspector shall fix a date, within thirty days or such shorter period as may be prescribed from the date of the receipt, for the examination of the boiler and shall give the owner thereof not less than ten days' notice of the date so fixed:

Provided that, where the certificate has ceased to be in force owing to the making of any structural alteration, addition or renewal, the Chief Inspector may dispense with the payment of any fee.

(5) On the said date the Inspector shall examine the boiler in the prescribed manner, and if he is satisfied that the boiler and the steam-pipe or steam-pipes attached thereto are in good condition shall issue a renewed certificate authorising the use of the boiler for such period not exceeding twelve months and at a pressure not exceeding such maximum pressure as he thinks fit and as is in accordance with the regulations made under this Act:

Provided that if the Inspector—

(a) proposes to issue any certificate—

- (i) having validity for a less period than the period entered in the application, or
- (ii) increasing or reducing the maximum pressure at which the boiler may be used, or

(b) proposes to order any structural alteration, addition or renewal to be made in or to the boiler or any steam-pipe attached thereto, or

(c) is of opinion that the boiler is not fit for use, the Inspector shall, within forty-eight hours of making the examination, inform the owner of the boiler in writing of his opinion and the reasons therefor, and shall forthwith report the case for orders to the Chief Inspector.

(6) The Chief Inspector, on receipt of a report under sub-section (5), may, subject to the provisions of this Act and of the regulations made hereunder, order the renewal of the certificate in such terms and on such conditions, if any, as he thinks fit, or may refuse to renew it:

Provided that where the Chief Inspector refuses to renew a certificate, he shall forthwith communicate his refusal to the owner of the boiler, together with the reasons therefor.

(7) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent an owner of a boiler from applying for a renewed certificate therefor at any time during the currency of a certificate.

9. Where the Inspector reports the case of any boiler to the Chief Inspector under sub-section (3) of section 7 or sub-section (5) of section 8, he may, if the boiler is not a boiler the use of which has been prohibited under clause (f) of sub-section (1) of section 8, grant to the owner thereof a provisional order in writing permitting the boiler to be used at a pressure not exceeding such maximum pressure as he thinks fit and as is in accordance with the regulations made under this Act pending the receipt of the orders of the Chief Inspector. Such provisional order shall cease to be in force—

(a) on the expiry of six months from the date on which it is granted, or

(b) on receipt of the orders of the Chief Inspector, or

(c) in any of the cases referred to in clauses (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of sub-section (1) of section 8,

and on so ceasing to be in force shall be surrendered to the Inspector.

**Use of boiler pending grant of certificate.**

**10.** (1) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, when the period of a certificate relating to a boiler has expired, the owner shall, provided that he has applied before the expiry of that period for a renewal of the certificate, be entitled to use the boiler at the maximum pressure entered in the former certificate pending the issue of orders on the application.

(2) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to authorise the use of a boiler in any of the cases referred to in clauses (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of sub-section (1) of section 8 occurring after the expiry of the period of the certificate.

**Revocation of certificate or provisional order.**

**11.** The Chief Inspector may at any time withdraw or revoke any certificate or provisional order on the report of an Inspector or otherwise—

(a) if there is reason to believe that the certificate or provisional order has been fraudulently obtained or has been granted erroneously or without sufficient examination; or

(b) if the boiler in respect of which it has been granted has sustained injury or has ceased to be in good condition; or

(c) where the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] has made rules requiring that boilers shall be in charge of persons holding certificates of competency, if the boiler is in charge of a person not holding the certificate required by such rules; or

(d) where no such rules have been made, if the boiler is in charge of a person who is not, having regard to the condition of the boiler, in the opinion of the Chief Inspector competent to have charge thereof:

Provided that where the Chief Inspector withdraws or revokes a certificate or provisional order on the ground specified in clause (d), he shall communicate to the owner of the boiler his reasons in writing for the withdrawal or revocation, and the order shall not take effect until the expiry of thirty days from the receipt of such communication.

**Alterations and renewals to boilers.**

**12.** No structural alteration, addition or renewal shall be made in or to any boiler registered under this Act unless such alteration, addition or renewal has been sanctioned in writing by the Chief Inspector.

**Alterations and renewals to steam-pipes.**

**13.** Before the owner of any boiler registered under this Act makes any structural alteration, addition or renewal in or to any steam-pipe attached to the boiler, he shall transmit to the Chief Inspector a report in writing of his intention, and shall send therewith such particulars of the proposed alteration, addition or renewal as may be prescribed.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

**14.** (1) On any date fixed under this Act for the examination of a boiler, the owner thereof shall be bound—  
Duty of  
owner at  
examination.

- (a) to afford to the Inspector all reasonable facilities for the examination and all such information as may reasonably be required of him;
- (b) to have the boiler properly prepared and ready for examination in the prescribed manner; and
- (c) in the case of an application for the registration of a boiler, to provide such drawings, specifications, certificates and other particulars as may be prescribed.

(2) If the owner fails, without reasonable cause, to comply with the provisions of sub-section (1), the Inspector shall refuse to make the examination and shall report the case to the Chief Inspector who shall, unless sufficient cause to the contrary is shown, require the owner to file a fresh application under section 7 or section 8, as the case may be, and may forbid him to use the boiler notwithstanding anything contained in section 10.

**15.** The owner of any boiler who holds a certificate or provisional order relating thereto shall, at all reasonable times during the period for which the certificate or order is in force, be bound to produce the same when called upon to do so by a District Magistrate, Commissioner of Police or Magistrate of the first class having jurisdiction in the area in which the boiler is for the time being, or by the Chief Inspector or by an Inspector or by any Inspector appointed under the Indian Factories Act, 1911,<sup>1</sup> or by any person specially authorised in writing by a District Magistrate or Commissioner of Police.  
Production  
of certifi-  
cates, etc.

XII of 1911.

**16.** If any person becomes the owner of a boiler during the period for which a certificate or provisional order relating thereto is in force, the preceding owner shall be bound to make over to him the certificate or provisional order.  
Transfer of  
certificates,  
etc.

**17.** An Inspector may, for the purpose of inspecting or examining a boiler or any steam-pipe attached thereto or of seeing that any provision of this Act or of any regulation or rule made hereunder has been or is being observed, at all reasonable times enter any place or building within the limits of the area for which he has been appointed in which he has reason to believe that a boiler is in use.  
Powers of  
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**18.** (1) If any accident occurs to a boiler or steam-pipe, the owner or person in charge thereof shall, within twenty-four hours of the accident, report the same in writing to the Inspector. Every such report shall contain a true description of the nature of the accident and of the injury, if any, caused thereby to the boiler or to the steam-pipe or to any person, and shall be in sufficient detail to enable the Inspector to judge of the gravity of the accident.  
Report of  
accidents.

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<sup>1</sup> See now the Indian Factories Act, 1934 (25 of 1934).

(2) Every person shall be bound to answer truly to the best of his knowledge and ability every question put to him in writing by the Inspector as to the cause, nature or extent of the accident.

Appeals to  
Chief  
Inspector.

**19.** Any person considering himself aggrieved by—

- (a) an order made or purporting to be made by an Inspector in the exercise of any power conferred by or under this Act, or
- (b) a refusal of an Inspector to make any order or to issue any certificate which he is required or enabled by or under this Act to make or issue,

may, within thirty days from the date on which such order or refusal is communicated to him, appeal against the order or refusal to the Chief Inspector.

Appeals to  
appellate  
authority.

**20.** Any person considering himself aggrieved by an original or appellate order of the Chief Inspector—

- (a) refusing to register a boiler or to grant or renew a certificate in respect of a boiler; or
- (b) refusing to grant a certificate having validity for the full period applied for; or
- (c) refusing to grant a certificate authorising the use of a boiler at the maximum pressure desired; or
- (d) withdrawing or revoking a certificate or provisional order; or
- (e) reducing the amount of pressure specified in any certificate or the period for which such certificate has been granted; or
- (f) ordering any structural alteration, addition or renewal to be made in or to a boiler or steam-pipe or refusing sanction to the making of any structural alteration, addition or renewal in or to a boiler,

may, within thirty days of the communication to him of such order, lodge with the Chief Inspector an appeal to an appellate authority to be constituted by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] under this Act.

Finality of  
orders.

**21.** An order of an appellate authority under section 20 and, save as otherwise provided in sections 19 and 20, an order of the Chief Inspector or of an Inspector shall be final and shall not be called in question in any Court.

Minor  
penalties.

**22.** Any owner of a boiler who refuses or without reasonable excuse neglects—

- (i) to surrender a provisional order as required by section 9, or
- (ii) to produce a certificate or provisional order when duly called upon to do so under section 15, or
- (iii) to make over to the new owner of a boiler a certificate or provisional order as required by section 16,

shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

Penalties for  
illegal use of  
boiler.

**23.** Any owner of a boiler who, in any case in which a certificate or provisional order is required for the use of the boiler under this Act,

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

uses the boiler either without any such certificate or order being in force or at a higher pressure than that allowed thereby, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, and, in the case of a continuing offence, with an additional fine which may extend to one hundred rupees for each day after the first day in regard to which he is convicted of having persisted in the offence.

**24.** Any person who—

- (a) uses or permits to be used a boiler of which he is the owner and which has been transferred from one Province to another without such transfer having been reported as required by section 6, or
- (b) being the owner of a boiler fails to cause the registered number allotted to the boiler under this Act to be marked on the boiler as required by sub-section (6) of section 7, or
- (c) makes any structural alteration, addition or renewal in or to a boiler without first obtaining the sanction of the Chief Inspector when so required by section 12, or to a steam-pipe without first informing the Chief Inspector, when so required by section 13, or
- (d) fails to report an accident to a boiler or steam-pipe when so required by section 18, or
- (e) tampers with a safety valve of a boiler so as to render it inoperative at the maximum pressure at which the use of the boiler is authorised under this Act,

Other penalties.

shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

**25.** (1) Whoever removes, alters, defaces, renders invisible or otherwise tampers with the register number marked on a boiler in accordance with the provisions of this Act or any Act repealed hereby, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

(2) Whoever fraudulently marks upon a boiler a register number which has not been allotted to it under this Act or any Act repealed hereby, shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

**26.** No prosecution for an offence made punishable by or under this Act shall be instituted except within six months from the date of the commission of the offence, and no such prosecution shall be instituted without the previous sanction of the Chief Inspector.

**27.** No offence made punishable by or under this Act shall be tried by a Court inferior to that of a Presidency Magistrate or a Magistrate of the first class.

**27A.** (1) A Board to be called the Central Boilers Board shall be constituted to exercise the powers conferred by section 28.

Central  
Boilers  
Board.

<sup>1</sup> S. 27A was ins. by the Indian Boilers (Amendment) Act, 1937 (11 of 1937), s. 4.

- (2) The Board shall consist of fourteen members, namely:—  
 (a) a chairman to be nominated by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government];  
 (b) one member to be nominated by each of the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Governments] of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the United Provinces, the Punjab, Bihar, the Central Provinces <sup>3</sup>[and Berar], Assam, the North-West Frontier Province, Sind and Orissa;  
 (c) one member, holding office for a period of three years, to be nominated alternately by the <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government] of Delhi and the <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government] of Ajmer-Merwara; and  
 (d) one member to be nominated by the Chief Commissioner of Railways.

(3) Any vacancy occurring in the Board, otherwise than by the expiry of the term of office of the member referred to in clause (c) of subsection (2), shall be filled as soon as may be by a nomination made by the authority by whom the member vacating office was nominated.

(4) The Board shall have full power to regulate by by-laws or otherwise its own procedure and the conduct of all business to be transacted by the Board.

(5) The powers of the Board may be exercised notwithstanding any vacancy in the Board.]

Power to make regulations.

**28.** The <sup>5</sup>[Board] may, by notification in the Gazette of India, make regulations<sup>6</sup> consistent with this Act for all or any of the following purposes, namely:—

- (a) for laying down the standard conditions in respect of material, design and construction which shall be required for the purpose of enabling the registration and certification of a boiler under this Act;
- <sup>7</sup>[(aa) for prescribing the circumstances in which, the extent to which, and the conditions subject to which variation from the standard conditions laid down under clause (a) may be permitted;]
- (b) for prescribing the method of determining the maximum pressure at which a boiler may be used;
- (c) for regulating the registration of boilers, prescribing the fees payable therefor, the drawings, specifications, certificates

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Local Governments".

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the Indian Boilers (Amendment) Act, 1937 (11 of 1937), s. 5, for "G. G. in C."

<sup>6</sup> For the Indian Boiler Regulations, 1924, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, p. 136. These Regulations, which were made by the G. G. in C., shall be deemed to have been made by the Board: see the Rules and Regulations Continuance Act, 1937 (24 of 1937).

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by Act 11 of 1937, s. 5.

and particulars to be produced by the owner, the method of preparing a boiler for examination, the form of the Inspector's report thereon, the method of marking the register number, and the period within which such number is to be marked on the boiler;

- (d) for regulating the inspection and examination of boilers and steam-pipes, and prescribing forms of certificates therefor;
- (e) for ensuring the safety of persons working inside a boiler; and
- (f) for providing for any other matter which is not, in the opinion of the <sup>1</sup>[Board], a matter of merely local or provincial importance.

**29.** The <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>Power to</sup> <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], make rules<sup>4</sup> consistent with this Act and the regulations made thereunder for all or any of the following purposes, namely:—

- (a) for prescribing the qualifications and duties of the Chief Inspector and of Inspectors, <sup>5\*</sup> \* \* for prescribing or constituting authorities to which they shall respectively be subordinate, and the limits of the administrative control to be exercised by such authorities;
- (b) for regulating the transfer of boilers;
- (c) for providing for the registration and certification of boilers in accordance with the regulations made under this Act;
- (d) for requiring boilers to be in charge of persons holding certificates of competency, and for prescribing the conditions on which such certificates may be granted;
- (e) for prescribing the times within which Inspectors shall be required to examine boilers under section 7 or section 8;
- (f) for prescribing the fees payable for the issue of renewed certificates and the method of determining the amount of such fees in each case;
- (g) for regulating inquiries into accidents;
- (h) for constituting the appellate authority referred to in section 20, and for determining its powers and procedure;
- (i) for determining the mode of disposal of fees, costs and penalties levied under this Act; and
- (j) generally to provide for any matter which is, in the opinion of the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government], a matter of merely local importance in the Province.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Boilers (Amendment) Act, 1937 (11 of 1937), s. 5, for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>4</sup> For such rules for Coorg, see Notification No. 37, dated 31st March 1925, in the Coorg District Gazette, 1925, Pt. I, p. 26.

<sup>5</sup> The words "for regulating their salary, allowances and conditions of service" rep. by the A. O.

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**31.** (1) The power to make regulations and rules conferred by sections 28 and 29 shall be subject to the condition of the regulations and rules being made after previous publication.

(2) Regulations and rules so made shall be published in the Gazette of India and the local Official Gazette, respectively, and, on such publication, shall have effect as if enacted in this Act.

**32.** All fees, costs and penalties levied under this Act shall be recoverable as arrears of land-revenue.

**33.** Save as otherwise expressly provided, this Act shall apply to boilers and steam-pipes belonging to the Crown.

**34.** <sup>2</sup>[(1) The <sup>3</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], exempt from the operation of this Act, subject to such conditions and restrictions as it thinks fit, any boilers or classes or types of boilers used exclusively for the heating of buildings or the supply of hot water.]

<sup>2</sup>[(2)] In case of any emergency, the <sup>3</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by general or special order in writing, exempt any boiler or steam-pipe from the operation of all or any of the provisions of this Act.

**35.** [Repeal of enactments.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

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ACT NO. VI OF 1923.<sup>1</sup>

[5th March, 1923.]

An Act further to amend and to consolidate the law relating to the provision of house-accommodation for military officers in cantonments.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend and to consolidate the law relating to the provision of house-accommodation for military officers in cantonments; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

## CHAPTER I.

## PRELIMINARY.

Short title,  
extent and  
commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Cantonments (House-Accommodation) Act, 1923.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India (inclusive of British Baluchistan) <sup>2\*</sup> \* \*.

(3) It shall come into force on the first day of April, 1923, but it shall not become operative in any cantonment or part of a cantonment until the issue, or otherwise than in pursuance, of a notification as hereinafter provided by section 3:

Provided that any notification made under section 3 of the <sup>3</sup>Cantonments (House-Accommodation) Act, 1902, which is in force at the commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to be a notification made under section 3 of this Act.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 238; and for Report of Joint Committee, see *ibid.*, 1923, Pt. V, p. 5.

<sup>2</sup> The words "except Aden" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. by s. 39 and Sch. of this Act.

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**2.** (1) In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject **Definitions.** or context,—

(a) “Brigade area” means one of the Brigade areas, whether occupied by a brigade or not, into which India is for military purposes for the time being divided, and includes any area which the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], declare to be a Brigade area for all or any of the purposes of this Act;

<sup>3</sup>[(b) “Cantonment Board” means a Cantonment Board constituted under the Cantonments Act, 1924;]

(c) “Command” means one of the Commands into which India is for military purposes for the time being divided, and includes any area which the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], declare to be a Command for all or any of the purposes of this Act;

(d) <sup>4</sup>[“Officer Commanding the station”] means the officer for the time being in command of the forces in a cantonment <sup>5</sup>[or, if that officer is the Officer Commanding the District, the military officer who would be in command of those forces in the absence of the Officer Commanding the District].

(e) “District” means one of the Districts into which India is for military purposes for the time being divided; it includes a Brigade area which does not form part of any such District and any area which the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], declare to be a District for all or any of the purposes of this Act;

(f) “house” means a house suitable for occupation by a military officer or a military mess, and includes the land and buildings appurtenant to a house;

(g) “military officer” means a commissioned or warrant officer of His Majesty’s military or air forces on military or air-force duty in a cantonment, and includes a Chaplain on duty with troops in a cantonment, <sup>6</sup>[an officer of the Cantonments Department] and any person in Army

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Gazette of India”.

<sup>3</sup> This cl., originally lettered (bb), was ins. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1925 (10 of 1925), s. 2. It was re-lettered (b), and the original cl. (b) was rep., by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1930 (9 of 1930), s. 2.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by Act 10 of 1925, s. 6, for “Commanding Officer of the Cantonment”.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by Act 9 of 1930, s. 2.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by Act 10 of 1925, s. 2, for “a Cantonment Magistrate”.

departmental employment whom the Officer Commanding the District may at any time, by an order in writing, place on the same footing as a military officer for the purposes of this Act;

- (h) "owner" includes the person who is receiving, or is entitled to receive, the rent of a house, whether on his own account or on behalf of himself and others or as an agent or trustee, or who would so receive the rent, or be entitled to receive it, if the house were let to a tenant; and
- (i) a house is said to be in a state of reasonable repair when—
  - (i) all floors, walls, pillars and arches are sound and all roofs sound and watertight,
  - (ii) all doors and windows are intact, properly painted or oiled, and provided with proper locks or bolts or other secure fastenings, and
  - (iii) all rooms, out-houses and other appurtenant buildings are properly colour-washed or white-washed.

(2) If any question arises whether any land or building is appurtenant to a house, it shall be decided by the <sup>1</sup>[Officer Commanding the station] whose decision thereon shall, subject to revision by the <sup>2</sup>[Collector], be final.

## CHAPTER II.

### APPLICATION OF ACT.

Cantonments  
or parts of  
canton-  
ments in  
which Act  
to be opera-  
tive.

Saving of  
written  
instruments.

3. (1) The <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] <sup>4\*</sup> \* \* may, by notification in the <sup>5</sup>[Official Gazette], declare this Act to be operative in any cantonment or part of a cantonment <sup>6\*</sup> \* \*, other than a cantonment situate within the limits of a presidency-town.

(2) Before issuing a notification under sub-section (1) in respect of any cantonment or part of a cantonment, the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] shall cause local inquiry to be made with a view to determining whether it is expedient to issue such notification, and what portion (if any) of the area proposed to be included therein should be excluded therefrom.

<sup>7</sup>[4. Nothing in this Act shall affect the provisions of any written Crown contract<sup>8</sup> unless all the parties to that contract consent in writing to be bound by the terms of this Act.]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1925 (10 of 1925), s. 6, for "Commanding Officer of the Cantonment".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1930 (9 of 1930), s. 2, for "District Magistrate".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>4</sup> The words "with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C." rep. by the A. O..

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>6</sup> The words "situate in the Province" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original section.

<sup>8</sup> For definition, see the General Clauses Act, 1897 (10 of 1897), s. 3 (14a).

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## CHAPTER III.

## APPROPRIATION OF HOUSES.

5. Every house situate in a cantonment or part of a cantonment in respect of which a notification under sub-section (1) of section 3 is for the time being in force shall be liable to appropriation by [the Central Government] on a lease in the manner and subject to the conditions hereinafter provided.

## 2[6. (1) Where—

Conditions

(a) a military officer who is stationed in or has been posted to the cantonment, or a President of a military mess in the cantonment, applies in writing to the Officer Commanding the Station stating that he is unable to secure suitable accommodation in the cantonment for himself or the mess on reasonable terms by private agreement, and that no suitable house or quarter [belonging to the Crown] is available for his occupation or for the occupation of the mess, and the Officer Commanding the Station is satisfied on inquiry of the truth of the facts so stated; or

(b) the Officer Commanding the Station is satisfied on inquiry that there is not in the cantonment a sufficient and assured supply of houses available at reasonable rates of rent by private agreement to meet the requirements of the military officers and military messes whose accommodation in the cantonment is in his opinion necessary or expedient,

the Officer Commanding the Station may, with a view to enforcing the liability under section 5, serve a notice on the owner of any house which appears to him to be suitable for occupation by a military officer or a military mess, as the case may be, within the cantonment, or, if this Act is in force in part only of the cantonment, within that part, requiring the owner to permit the house to be inspected, measured and surveyed by such person and on such date, not being less than three clear days from the service of the notice, and at such time between sunrise and sunset, as may be specified in the notice.

(2) On the date and at the time so specified the owner shall be bound to afford all reasonable facilities to the person specified in the notice for the purpose of the inspection, measurement and survey of the house and if he refuses or neglects to do so, such person may, subject to any rules made under this Act, enter on the premises and do all such things as may be reasonably necessary for the said purpose.]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the Govt."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1930 (9 of 1930), s. 3, for the original section.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "belonging to Govt."

## (Chapter III.—Appropriation of Houses.)

Procedure  
for taking  
house on  
lease.

7. (1) If, on the report of such person as aforesaid, the <sup>1</sup>[Officer Commanding the station] is satisfied that the house is suitable for occupation by a military officer or a military mess, he may <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* by notice—

- (a) require the owner to execute a lease of the house to <sup>3</sup>[the Central Government] for a specified period which shall not be less than five years;
- (b) require the existing occupier, if any, to vacate the house; and
- (c) require the owner to execute within such time as may be specified in the notice such repairs as may, in the opinion of the <sup>1</sup>[Officer Commanding the station], be necessary for the purpose of putting the house into a state of reasonable repair.

(2) Every notice issued under sub-section (1) shall state the amount of the annual rent proposed as reasonable for the house, calculated on the assumption that the owner will carry out the required repairs, if any. It shall also contain an estimate of the cost of such repairs.

(3) The following shall be deemed to be conditions of every lease executed under sub-section (1), namely:—

- (a) that the house shall, on the expiration of the lease, be re-delivered to the owner in a state of reasonable repair, and
- (b) that the grounds and the garden, if any, appertaining to the house shall be maintained in the condition in which they are at the time at which the lease is executed:

<sup>4</sup>[Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall be deemed to affect the right of <sup>3</sup>[the Central Government] to avoid the lease in any such event as is specified in clause (e) of section 108 of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882.]

IV of 1882.

8. [Procedure to be observed before taking a house on lease.] Rep. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1930 (IX of 1930), s. 5.

Sanction to  
be obtained  
before a  
house is  
occupied as  
a hospital,  
etc.

9. No house in any cantonment or part of a cantonment in which this Act is operative shall, unless it was so occupied at the date of the issue of the notification declaring this Act or the <sup>5</sup>Cantonments (House-Accommodation) Act, 1902, as the case may be, to be operative, be occupied for the purposes of a hospital, school, school hostel, bank, hotel, or

II of 1902.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1925 (10 of 1925), s. 6, for "Commanding Officer of the Cantonment".

<sup>2</sup> The words "with the previous sanction of the Officer Commanding the District" rep. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1930 (9 of 1930), s. 4.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the Govt."

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by Act 9 of 1930, s. 4.

<sup>5</sup> Rep. by s. 39 and Sch. of this Act.

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shop, or by a railway administration, a company or firm engaged in trade or business or a club, without the previous sanction of the Officer Commanding the District given with the concurrence of the Commissioner or, in a Province where there are no Commissioners, of the Collector.

**10.** No notice shall be issued under section 7 if the house—

Houses not  
to be appro-  
priated in  
certain  
cases.

II of 1902.

- (a) was, at the date of the issue of the notification declaring this Act or the <sup>1</sup>Cantonments (House-Accommodation) Act, 1902, as the case may be, to be operative in the cantonment or part of the cantonment, or is, with such sanction as is required by section 9, occupied as a hospital, school, school hostel, bank, hotel or shop, and has been so occupied continuously during the three years immediately preceding the time when the occasion for issuing the notice arises, or
- (b) was, at the date of such a notification as is referred to in clause (a), or is, with such sanction as aforesaid, occupied by a railway administration or by a company or firm engaged in trade or business or by a club, or
- (c) is occupied by the owner, or
- (d) has been appropriated by the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] with the concurrence of the Officer Commanding the District, or by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government], for use as a public office or for any other purpose.

**11.** (1) If a house is unoccupied, a notice issued under section 7 may require the owner to give possession of the same to the <sup>4</sup>[Officer Commanding the station] within twenty-one days from the service of the notice.

Time to be  
allowed for  
giving pos-  
session of  
house.

(2) If a house is occupied, a notice issued under section 7 shall not require its vacation in less than thirty days from the service of the notice.

(3) Where a notice has been issued under section 7 and the house has been vacated in pursuance thereof, the lease shall be deemed to have commenced on the date on which the house was so vacated.

**12.** If the owner fails to give possession of a house to the <sup>4</sup>[Officer Commanding the station] in pursuance of a notice issued under section 7, or if the existing occupier fails to vacate a house in pursuance of such a notice, the District Magistrate, by himself or by another person generally or specially authorised by him in this behalf, shall enter on the premises and enforce the surrender of the house.

<sup>1</sup> Rep. by s. 39 and Sch. of this Act.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1925 (10 of 1925), s. 6, for "Commanding Officer of the Cantonment".

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Option in certain cases for owner on whom notice is issued under section 7 to call upon the Government to purchase.

**13.** (1) If a house, in respect of which a notice is issued under section 7, is shown to the satisfaction of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], or is proved by a decree or order of a Court of competent jurisdiction, to have been erected—

- (a) under any conditions, rules, regulations or orders which were in force in Bengal prior to the eighth day of December, 1864, and conferred on the owner the option of offering the house for sale to the military officer applying for its appropriation for his occupation or to the East India Company or the Government, or
- (b) under any conditions, rules, regulations or orders which were in force in Bombay prior to the first day of June, 1875, and conferred such an option as is described in clause (a),

then the owner shall have the option of either complying with the notice or offering the house <sup>2</sup>[for sale to the Central Government].

(2) If the owner elects to sell the house, and <sup>3</sup>[the Central Government] is willing to purchase it, the question of the amount of the purchase-money to be paid shall, in the event of disagreement, be referred to <sup>4</sup>[a Civil Court, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter IV].

Provision where house is held on long lease by a tenant.

**14.** (1) If a house, in respect of which a notice is issued under section 7, is occupied by a tenant holding in good faith and for valuable consideration under a registered lease for any term exceeding one year, <sup>5</sup>[the Central Government] shall, for the term of one year from the date on which the house is vacated in pursuance of the notice, or for the unexpired term of the lease whichever is the shorter, be liable to the owner for the rent fixed by the registered lease instead of for the rent payable under this Act if the rent so fixed exceeds the rent so payable.

(2) If a house, in respect of which a notice is issued under section 7, is occupied by a tenant holding in good faith and for valuable consideration under a registered lease from year to year, <sup>6</sup>[the Central Government] shall be liable as aforesaid for the term of six months from the date on which the house is vacated in pursuance of the notice.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be deemed—

- (a) to render <sup>6</sup>[the Central Government] so liable unless an application in writing in this behalf is made by the owner

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "for sale to the Govt."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the Govt."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1930 (9 of 1930), s. 6, for "a Committee of Arbitration".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the Secretary of State for India in Council".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the said Secretary of State in Council".

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to the <sup>1</sup>[Officer Commanding the station] within fifteen days from the service of the notice; or

(b) to limit or otherwise affect any agreement between <sup>2</sup>[the Crown] and the owner.

**15.** (1) If the owner considers that the rent stated in a notice issued under section 7 is not reasonable, he may, within a period of <sup>3</sup>[thirty] days from the service of such notice, <sup>4</sup>[refer the matter to a Civil Court, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter IV]:

<sup>5</sup>[Provided that where an appeal has been made to the Officer Commanding the District under section 30, the period of thirty days shall be reckoned from the date on which the owner received notice of the result of the appeal under sub-section (2) of section 32.]

(2) If the owner does not make such a <sup>6</sup>[reference] within the said period, he shall be deemed to have accepted the rent so offered.

**16.** (1) If the owner fails to execute any repairs to a house as required by a notice issued to him under section 7, the <sup>1</sup>[Officer Commanding the station] may by notice require the owner to execute the repairs within such period, not being less than <sup>7</sup>[thirty] days, as may be specified in the notice.

(2) If the owner objects to any requisition contained in a notice issued under sub-section (1), he may, within <sup>7</sup>[thirty] days from the service of the notice, <sup>8</sup>[refer the matter to a Civil Court in accordance with the provisions of Chapter IV]:

<sup>9</sup>[Provided that where an appeal has been made to the Officer Commanding the District under section 30, the period of thirty days shall be reckoned from the date on which the owner received notice of the result of the appeal under sub-section (2) of section 32.]

<sup>10</sup>[(3) Every reference under sub-section (2) shall be accompanied by an estimate of the repairs, if any, which the owner considers necessary in order to put the house into a state of reasonable repair.]

<sup>11</sup>[**17.** If the owner fails to comply with a notice issued under sub-section (1) of section 16, the Military Engineer Services or the Public

Power to have repairs executed

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by s. 6 of the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1925 (10 of 1925), for "Commanding Officer of the Cantonment".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the said Secretary of State in Council".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 7 of the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1930 (9 of 1930), for "fifteen".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 7, *ibid.*, for "require that the matter be referred by the Officer Commanding the station to a Committee of Arbitration".

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by s. 2 of the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1933 (22 of 1933).

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by s. 7 of Act 9 of 1930 for "requisition".

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by s. 8, *ibid.*, for "fifteen".

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by s. 8, *ibid.*, for "require that the matter be referred by the Officer Commanding the station to a Committee of Arbitration".

<sup>9</sup> Ins. by s. 3 of Act 22 of 1933.

<sup>10</sup> Ins. by s. 8 of Act 9 of 1930.

<sup>11</sup> Subs. by s. 9, *ibid.*, for the original section.

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and recover cost.

Works Department may, with the previous sanction of the Officer Commanding the Station and notwithstanding any right of reference conferred by that section, cause the repairs specified in the notice to be executed at the expense of <sup>1</sup>[the Central Government], and the cost thereof, or, where a reference has been made, the amount finally determined by the Civil Court, may be deducted from the rent payable to the owner.]

Notice to be given of devolution of interest in house in cantonment.

**18.** Every person on whom devolves, by transfer, by succession or by operation of law, the interest of an owner in any house, or in any part of any house, situate in a cantonment or part of a cantonment in respect of which a notification under sub-section (1) of section 3 is for the time being in force, shall be bound to give notice of the fact to the <sup>2</sup>[Officer Commanding the station] within one month from the date of such devolution, and, if he, without reasonable cause, fails to do so, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

### <sup>3</sup>[CHAPTER IV.

#### PROCEDURE IN REFERENCES.

Jurisdiction in references.

**19.** All references under this Act shall be made by application to, and tried by, the Court of the District Judge.

Procedure and powers of the Court.

**20.** References under this Act shall be deemed to be proceedings within the meaning of section 141 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, <sup>V of 1908.</sup> and in the trial thereof the Court may exercise any of its powers under that Code.

Restriction of scope of inquiry.

**21.** The scope of the inquiry in a reference under this Act shall be restricted to a consideration of the matters referred to the Court in accordance with the provisions of this Act.]

### CHAPTER V.

#### APPEALS.

Appeal to High Court.

**29.** (1) An appeal shall lie to the High Court against the decision of the Court of the District Judge upon a reference tried by it.

(2) No appeal under this section shall be admitted unless it is made within thirty days from the date of the decision against which it is preferred.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the Govt."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1925 (10 of 1925), s. 6, for "Commanding Officer of the Cantonment".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1930 (9 of 1930), s. 10, for the original Chapter IV entitled "Committees of Arbitration" and consisting of ss. 19 to 28.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 11, *ibid.*, for the original section.

## (Chapter V.—Appeals.)

V of 1908. (3) An appeal preferred under this section shall be deemed to be an appeal from an order within the meaning of section 108 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.]

<sup>1</sup>[30. The owner or any tenant of a house in respect of which a notice has been issued under section 7 may, within a period of <sup>2</sup>[ten days] from the date of the service thereof, appeal to the Officer Commanding the District against the decision of the Officer Commanding the Station to appropriate the house.]

31. (1) Every petition of appeal under section 30 shall be in writing and accompanied by a copy of the notice appealed against.

(2) Any such petition may be presented to the <sup>3</sup>[Officer Commanding the station], and that officer shall be bound to forward it to the authority empowered by section 30 to hear the appeal, and may attach thereto any report which he may desire to make in explanation of the notice appealed against.

(3) If any such petition is presented direct to the Officer Commanding the District and an immediate order on the petition is not necessary, the Officer Commanding the District may refer the petition to the <sup>3</sup>[Officer Commanding the station] for report.

32. <sup>4</sup>[(1)] The decision on any such appeal of the Officer Commanding the District <sup>5\*</sup> \* \* shall be final, and shall not be questioned in any Court otherwise than on the ground that the house is situate in a cantonment, or part of a cantonment, in which this Act is not operative:

Provided that no appeal shall be decided until the appellant has been heard or has had a reasonable opportunity of being heard in person or through a legal practitioner <sup>6</sup>[and in giving a decision the Officer Commanding the District shall record briefly the grounds therefor].

<sup>7</sup>[(2) Notice of the result of the appeal shall be given to the appellant as soon as may be, and, where the appellant is a tenant of the house, to the owner of the house also.]

33. Where an appeal has been presented under section 30 within the period prescribed <sup>8</sup>[therein], all action on the notice shall, on the application of the appellant, be held in abeyance pending the decision of appeal.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1930 (9 of 1930), s. 12, for the original section.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1933 (22 of 1933), s. 4, for "twenty-one days".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1925 (10 of 1925), s. 6, for "Commanding Officer of the Cantonment".

<sup>4</sup> The original s. 32 was re-numbered as sub-section (1) of that section by Act 22 of 1933, s. 5.

<sup>5</sup> The words "or of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, the Command, as the case may be" were rep. by Act 9 of 1930, s. 13.

<sup>6</sup> Ins. by Act 9 of 1930, s. 13.

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by Act 22 of 1933, s. 5.

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by Act 9 of 1930, s. 14, for "by sub-section (2) of that section".

## CHAPTER VI.

## SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS.

Service of notice and requisitions.

**34.** Every notice or requisition prescribed by this Act shall be in writing, signed by the person by whom it is given or made or by his duly appointed agent, and may be served by post on the person to whom it is addressed, or, in the case of an owner who does not reside in or near the cantonment, on his agent appointed <sup>1</sup>[in accordance with a bye-law made under clause (29) of section 282 of the Cantonments Act, 1924].

II of 1924.

Computation of periods of limitation.

**2[34A.]** The period prescribed for making any reference or preferring any appeal under this Act shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Limitation Act, 1908.]

IX of 1908.

Power for Central Government to make rules.

**35.** (1) The <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may make rules<sup>4</sup> to carry out the purposes and objects of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may—

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(b) define the powers of entry, inspection, measurement or survey which may be exercised in carrying out the purposes and objects of this Act or of any rule made hereunder.

Further provisions respecting rules.

**36.** (1) The power to make rules under section 35 shall be subject to the condition of the rules being made after previous publication and of their not taking effect until they have been published in the <sup>6</sup>[Official Gazette] and in such other manner (if any) as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may direct.

(2) Any rule under section 35 may be general for all cantonments or parts of cantonments in British India in which this Act is for the time being operative, or may be special for any of such cantonments or parts as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may direct.

(3) A copy of the rules under section 35 for the time being in force in a cantonment shall be kept open to inspection free of charge at all reasonable times in the office of the Cantonment Authority.

(4) In making any rule under clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 35, the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may direct that whoever obstructs any person, not being a public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code, in making any entry, inspection, measurement or survey, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty

XLV of 1880.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1925 (10 of 1925), s. 4, for "under the Cantonments Act, 1910, or any rule made thereunder".

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1980 (9 of 1980), s. 15.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> For such rules, see Gen. R. and O., Vol. V, p. 251.

<sup>5</sup> Cl. (a) was rep. by Act 9 of 1980, s. 16.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

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rupees, and, in the case of a continuing offence, with fine which, in addition to such fine as aforesaid, may extend to five rupees for every day after the first during which such offence continues.

**37.** No Judge or Magistrate shall be deemed, within the meaning of section 556 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, to be a party to, or personally interested in, any prosecution for an offence constituted by or under this Act merely because he is a member of the Cantonment [Board] or has ordered or approved the prosecution.

**38.** No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything in good faith done, or intended to be done, under this Act or in pursuance of any lawful notice or order issued under this Act.

**39. [Repeals.]** Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.

*THE SCHEDULE.—[ENACTMENTS REPEALED.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.*

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## THE INDIAN NAVAL ARMAMENT ACT, 1923.

Act No. VII of 1923.<sup>1</sup>

[5th March, 1923.]

An Act to give effect in British India to the Treaty for the Limitation of Naval Armament.

WHEREAS it is expedient to give effect in British India to the [Treaty for the Limitation of Naval Armament and for the Exchange of Information concerning Naval Construction signed in London on behalf of His Majesty on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1936]; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Naval Armament Act, 1923. Short title, extent and commencement.
- (2) It extends to the whole of British India, and applies also to all subjects and servants of His Majesty in other parts of India.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Cantonments (House-Accommodation Amendment) Act, 1925 (10 of 1925), s. 5, for "Committee".

<sup>2</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 348.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Indian Naval Armament (Amendment) Act, 1937 (2 of 1937), s. 2, for the original words as amended by the Indian Naval Armament (Amendment) Act, 1931 (8 of 1931), s. 2.

(3) It shall come into force on such date<sup>1</sup> as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint.

**Definitions.** 2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “competent Court” means the High Court or such other Court having unlimited original civil jurisdiction as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may declare to be a competent Court for the purposes of this Act;

(b) “ship” means any boat, vessel, battery or craft, whether wholly or partly constructed, which is intended to float or is capable of floating, on water, and includes all equipment belonging to any ship; and

<sup>4</sup>[(c) “the Treaty” means the Treaty for the Limitation of Naval Armament and for the Exchange of Information concerning Naval Construction signed in London on behalf of His Majesty on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1936.]

**3.** No person shall, except under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted under this Act,—

(a) build any vessel of war, or alter, arm or equip any ship so as to adapt her for use as a vessel of war; or

(b) despatch or deliver, or allow to be despatched or delivered, from any place in British India any ship which has been, either wholly or partly, built, altered, armed or equipped as a vessel of war in any part of His Majesty’s Dominions or in a State in India otherwise than under and in accordance with any law for the time being in force in that part or State.

**Licences.**

4. (1) A licence under this Act for any of the purposes specified in section 3 may be granted by the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government], and shall not be refused unless it appears to the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] that such refusal is necessary for the purpose of securing the observance of the obligations imposed by the Treaty; and, where a licence is granted subject to conditions, the conditions shall be such only as the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may think necessary for the purpose aforesaid.

(2) An application for a licence under this section shall be in such form and shall be accompanied by such designs and particulars as the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may, by general or special order, require.

<sup>6</sup>[(3) Any person who, in pursuance of a licence granted under sub-section (1) before the commencement of the Indian Naval Armament

<sup>1</sup> This Act was brought into force on 10th November, 1923—*Vide Notification No. 49, dated the 9th November 1923, Gen. R. and O., Vol. V, p. 258.*

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Gazette of India”.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Indian Naval Armament (Amendment) Act, 1937 (2 of 1937), s. 3, for the original clause.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “L. G.”

<sup>6</sup> Ins. by the Indian Naval Armament (Amendment) Act, 1937 (2 of 1937), s. 4.

**II of 1937.** (Amendment) Act, 1937, is engaged in building any vessel of war or in altering, arming or equipping any ship so as to adapt her for use as a vessel of war, or is about to despatch or deliver, or allow to be despatched or delivered, from any place within British India any ship which has been so built, altered, armed or equipped, either entirely or partly, within British India, shall, upon written demand, furnish to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] such designs and particulars as may be required by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] for the purpose of securing the observance of the obligations imposed by the Treaty.]

5. (1) If any person contravenes any of the provisions of section 3 <sup>Offences against the</sup> <sup>2</sup>[or fails to comply with the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 4], <sup>Act.</sup> he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

(2) Where an offence punishable under sub-section (1) has been committed by a company or corporation, every director and manager of such company or corporation shall be punishable thereunder unless he proves that the act constituting the offence took place without his knowledge and consent.

**V of 1898.** (3) Nothing contained in section 517 or section 518 or section 520 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, shall be deemed to authorise the destruction or confiscation under the order of any Criminal Court of any ship which is liable to forfeiture under this Act or of any part of such ship.

6. Any ship which has been, either wholly or partly, built, altered, armed, or equipped as a vessel of war in British India in contravention of section 3, or in any other part of His Majesty's Dominions or any State in India in contravention of any like provision of law in force in that part or State, shall, if found in British India, be liable to forfeiture under this Act. <sup>Liability of ships to forfeiture.</sup>

7. (1) Where a ship is liable to forfeiture under this Act,— <sup>Seizure, detention and search of ships.</sup>  
 (a) any Presidency Magistrate or Magistrate of the first class, or  
 (b) any commissioned officer on full pay in the military, naval or air service of His Majesty, <sup>3\*</sup> \* \* or  
 (c) any officer of customs or police-officer not below such rank<sup>4</sup> as may be designated in this behalf by the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government],

may seize such ship and detain it, and, if the ship is found at sea within the territorial waters of British India, may bring it to any convenient port in British India.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Naval Armament (Amendment) Act, 1937 (2 of 1937), s. 4.

<sup>3</sup> The words "or any Gazetted Officer of the Royal Indian Marine Service" were rep. by the A. O.

<sup>4</sup> For notifications designating the rank of such officers, see Gen. R. and O., Vol. V, p. 258.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

(2) Any officer taking any action under sub-section (1) shall forthwith report the same through his official superiors to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

(3) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall, within thirty days of the seizure, either cause the ship to be released or make or cause to be made, in the manner hereinafter provided, an application for the forfeiture thereof, and may make such orders for the temporary disposal of the ship as it thinks suitable.

**Procedure  
in forfeiture  
of ships.**

8. (1) An application for the forfeiture of a ship under this Act may be made by, or under authority from, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] to any competent Court within the local limits of whose jurisdiction the ship is for the time being.

(2) On receipt of any such application, the Court shall cause notice thereof and of the date fixed for the hearing of the application to be served upon all persons appearing to it to have an interest in the ship, and may give such directions for the temporary disposal of the ship as it thinks fit.

(3) For the purpose of disposing of an application under this section, the Court shall have the same powers and follow, as nearly as may be, the same procedure as it respectively has and follows for the purpose of the trial of suits under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, and any order <sup>V of 1908.</sup> made by the Court under this section shall be deemed to be a decree, and the provisions of the said Code in regard to the execution of decrees shall, as far as they are applicable, apply accordingly.

(4) Where the Court is satisfied that the ship is liable to forfeiture under this Act, it shall pass an order forfeiting the ship to His Majesty:

Provided that, where any person having an interest in the ship proves to the satisfaction of the Court that he has not abetted, or counived at, or by his negligence facilitated, in any way, a contravention of section 3 in respect of the ship, and such ship has not been built as a vessel of war, it may pass such other order as it thinks fit in respect of the ship or, if it be sold, of the sale proceeds thereof:

Provided, further, that in no case shall any ship which has been altered, armed or equipped as a vessel of war be released until it has been restored, to the satisfaction of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], to such condition as not to render it liable to forfeiture under this Act.

(5) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or any person aggrieved by any order of a Court, other than a High Court, under this section may, within three months of the date of such order, appeal to the High Court.

9. Where a ship has been forfeited to His Majesty under section 8, it may be disposed of in such manner as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] <sup>\*\* \* directs :</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> The words "subject to the control of the G. G. in C." rep. by the A. O.

Provided that, where the ship is sold under this section, due regard shall be had to the obligations imposed by the Treaty.

**10.** If, in any trial, appeal or other proceeding under the foregoing provisions of this Act, any question arises as to whether a ship is a vessel of war or whether any alteration, arming or equipping of a ship is such as to adapt it for use as a vessel of war, the question shall be referred to and determined by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], whose decision shall be final and shall not be questioned in any Court.

**11.** (1) Where a ship which has been seized or detained under section 7 or section 8 and has not been released by competent authority under this Act proceeds to sea, the master of the ship shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, and the owner and any person who sends the ship to sea shall be likewise so punishable unless such owner or person proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge and consent.

(2) Where any ship so proceeding to sea takes to sea, when on board thereof in the execution of his duty, any officer empowered by this Act to seize and detain the ship, the owner and master shall further each be liable, on the order of the Court trying an offence punishable under sub-section (1), to pay all the expenses of and incidental to such officer being taken to sea, and shall further be punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees for every day until such officer returns or until such time as would enable him after leaving the ship to return to the port from which he was taken.

(3) Any expenses ordered to be paid under sub-section (2) may be recovered in the manner provided in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, for the recovery of a fine.

**12.** (1) Any person empowered by this Act to seize and detain any ship may, at any reasonable time by day or night, enter any dockyard, shipyard or other place and make inquiries respecting any ship which he has reason to believe is liable to forfeiture under this Act, and may search such ship with a view to ascertaining whether the provisions of this Act have been or are being duly observed in respect thereof, and every person in charge of or employed in such place shall on request be bound to give the person so empowered all reasonable facilities for such entry and search and for making such inquiries.

(2) The provisions of sections 101, 102 and 103 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, shall apply in the case of all searches made under this section.

**13.** No Court inferior to that of a Presidency Magistrate or Magistrate of the first class shall proceed to the trial of any offence punishable under this Act, and no Court shall proceed to the trial of any such subject to

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**14.** No prosecution, suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.

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Act No. VIII of 1923.<sup>1</sup>

[5th March, 1923.]

An Act to provide for the payment by certain classes of employers to their workmen of compensation for injury by accident.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the payment by certain classes of employers to their workmen of compensation for injury by accident; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

## CHAPTER I.

## PRELIMINARY.

**Short title,  
extent and  
commencement.**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.

(2) It extends<sup>2</sup> to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan and the Sonthal Parganas.

(3) It shall come into force on the first day of July, 1924.

**Definitions.**

2. (1) In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “adult” and “minor” mean respectively a person who is not and a person who is under the age of fifteen years;

(b) “Commissioner” means a Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation appointed under section 20;

(c) “compensation” means compensation as provided for by this Act;

<sup>3</sup>(d) “dependant” means any of the following relatives of a deceased workman, namely:—

(i) a wife, minor legitimate son, and unmarried legitimate daughter, or a widowed mother; and

(ii) if wholly or in part dependent on the earnings of the workman at the time of his death, a husband, a parent other than a widowed mother, a minor illegitimate son, an unmarried illegitimate daughter, a daughter legitimate or illegitimate if married and a minor or if widowed,

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1923, Pt. V, p. 313, and for Report of Joint Committee, see *ibid.*, 1923, Pt. V, p. 37.

<sup>2</sup> This Act has been declared to be in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch., and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Sch.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1938 (15 of 1938), s. 2, for the original clause.

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a minor brother, an unmarried or widowed sister, a widowed daughter-in-law, a minor child of a deceased son, or, where no parent of the workman is alive, a paternal grandparent;]

- (e) "employer" includes any body of persons whether incorporated or not and any managing agent of an employer and the legal representative of a deceased employer, and, when the services of a workman are temporarily lent or let on hire to another person by the person with whom the workman has entered into a contract of service or apprenticeship, means such other person while the workman is working for him;
- (f) "managing agent" means any person appointed or acting as the representative of another person for the purpose of carrying on such other person's trade or business, but does not include an individual manager subordinate to an employer;
- (g) "partial disablement" means, where the disablement is of a temporary nature, such disablement as reduces the earning capacity of a workman in any employment in which he was engaged at the time of the accident resulting in the disablement, and, where the disablement is of a permanent nature, such disablement as reduces his earning capacity in every employment which he was capable of undertaking at that time: provided that every injury specified in Schedule I shall be deemed to result in permanent partial disablement;
- (h) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- (i) "qualified medical practitioner" means any person registered under the Medical Act, 1858, or any Act amending the same, or under any Act of any Legislature in British India providing for the maintenance of a register of medical practitioners, or, in any area where no such last-mentioned Act is in force, any person declared by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government], by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], to be a qualified medical practitioner for the purposes of this Act;

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

\* Cl. (j) was rep. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 2.

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- (k) “seaman” means any person forming part of the crew of any <sup>1\*</sup> \* ship, but does not include the master of <sup>2</sup>[the] ship;
- (l) “total disablement” means such disablement, whether of a temporary or permanent nature, as incapacitates a workman for all work which he was capable of performing at the time of the accident resulting in such disablement: provided that permanent total disablement shall be deemed to result from the permanent total loss of the sight of both eyes or from any combination of injuries specified in Schedule I where the aggregate percentage of the loss of earning capacity, as specified in that Schedule against those injuries, amounts to one hundred per cent.;
- (m) “wages” includes any privilege or benefit which is capable of being estimated in money, other than a travelling allowance or the value of any travelling concession or a contribution paid by the employer of a workman towards any pension or provident fund or a sum paid to a workman to cover any special expenses entailed on him by the nature of his employment;
- (n) “workman” means any person (other than a person whose employment is of a casual nature and who is employed otherwise than for the purposes of the employer’s trade or business) who is—
  - (i) a railway servant as defined in section 3 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890, not permanently employed in any administrative, district or sub-divisional office of a railway and not employed in any such capacity as is specified in Schedule II, or IX of 1890.
  - (ii) employed <sup>3\*</sup> \* \* \* on monthly wages not exceeding three hundred rupees, in any such capacity as is specified in Schedule II,  
whether the contract of employment was made before or after the passing of this Act and whether such contract is expressed or implied, oral or in writing; but does not include any person working in the capacity of a member of His Majesty’s naval, military or air forces <sup>4\*</sup> \* \* \* ; and any reference to a workman who has been injured shall, where the workman is dead, include a reference to his dependants or any of them.

<sup>1</sup> The word “registered” rep. by the Workmen’s Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 2, *ibid.*, for “any such”.

<sup>3</sup> The words “either by way of manual labour or” rep. by s. 2, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> The words “or of the Royal Indian Marine Service” rep. by the A. O.

(Chapter I.—Preliminary. Chapter II.—Workmen's Compensation.)

(2) The exercise and performance of the powers and duties of a local authority or of any department <sup>1</sup>[acting on behalf of the Crown] shall, for the purposes of this Act, unless a contrary intention appears, be deemed to be the trade or business of such authority or department.

<sup>2</sup>[(3) The <sup>3</sup>[Provincial Government], after giving, by notification<sup>4</sup> in the <sup>5</sup>[Official Gazette], not less than three months' notice of <sup>6</sup>[its] intention so to do, may, by a like notification, add to Schedule II any class of persons employed in any occupation which <sup>7</sup>[it] is satisfied is a hazardous occupation, and the provisions of this Act shall thereupon apply <sup>8</sup>[within the Province] to such classes of persons:

Provided that in making such addition the <sup>3</sup>[Provincial Government] may direct that the provisions of this Act shall apply to such classes of persons in respect of specified injuries only.]

## CHAPTER II.

### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

3. (1) If personal injury is caused to a workman by accident arising out of and in the course of his employment, his employer shall be liable to pay compensation in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter: Employer's liability for compensation.

Provided that the employer shall not be so liable—

- (a) in respect of any injury which does not result in the total or partial disablement of the workman for a period exceeding <sup>9</sup>[seven] days;
- (b) in respect of any <sup>10</sup>[injury, not resulting in death, caused by] an accident which is directly attributable to—
  - (i) the workman having been at the time thereof under the influence of drink or drugs, or
  - (ii) the wilful disobedience of the workman to an order expressly given, or to a rule expressly framed, for the purpose of securing the safety of workmen, or
  - (iii) the wilful removal or disregard by the workman of any safety guard or other device which he knew to have been provided for the purpose of securing the safety of workmen <sup>11\*</sup> \* \* .

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "of the Govt."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 2, for the original sub-section.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> For such a notification, see Gazette of India, 1935, Pt. I, p. 745.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "his".

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>8</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>9</sup> Subs. by s. 3 of Act 15 of 1933 for "ten".

<sup>10</sup> Subs. by s. 3, *ibid.*, for "injury to a workman resulting from".

<sup>11</sup> The word "or" and cl. (c) were rep. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1929 (5 of 1929), s. 2.

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(2) If a workman employed in any employment involving the handling of wool, hair, bristles<sup>1</sup> [or animal carcasses or parts of such carcasses, or in the loading, unloading or transport of any merchandise, or in any work in connection with animals infected with anthrax] contracts the disease of anthrax, or if a workman, whilst in the service of an employer in whose service he has been employed for a continuous period of not less than six months in any employment specified in Schedule III, contracts any disease specified therein as an occupational disease peculiar to that employment, the contracting of the disease shall be deemed to be an injury by accident within the meaning of this section and, unless the employer proves the contrary, the accident shall be deemed to have arisen out of and in the course of the employment.

*Explanation.*—For the purposes of this sub-section a period of service shall be deemed to be continuous which has not included a period of service under any other employer.

(3) The<sup>2</sup> [Provincial Government], after giving, by notification in the<sup>3</sup> [Official Gazette] not less than three months' notice of<sup>4</sup> [its] intention so to do, may, by a like notification, add any description of employment to the employments specified in Schedule III, and shall specify in the case of the employments so added the diseases which<sup>5</sup> [within the Province] shall be deemed for the purposes of this section to be occupational diseases peculiar to those employments respectively, and the provisions of sub-section (2) shall thereupon apply<sup>5</sup> [within the Province] as if such diseases had been declared by this Act to be occupational diseases peculiar to those employments.

(4) Save as provided by sub-sections (2) and (3), no compensation shall be payable to a workman in respect of any disease unless the disease is<sup>6\*</sup> \* directly attributable to a specific injury by accident arising out of and in the course of his employment.

(5) Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to confer any right to compensation on a workman in respect of any injury if he has instituted in a Civil Court a suit for damages in respect of the injury against the employer or any other person; and no suit for damages shall be maintainable by a workman in any Court of law in respect of any injury—

(a) if he has instituted a claim to compensation in respect of the injury before a Commissioner; or

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1926 (29 of 1926), s. 2, for "hides or skins".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "his".

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>6</sup> The words "solely and" rep. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 3.

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- (b) if an agreement has been come to between the workman and his employer providing for the payment of compensation in respect of the injury in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

**4.** <sup>1</sup>[(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the amount of compensation shall be as follows, namely :—

Amount of compensation.

- A. Where death results from the injury—

- (i) in the case of an adult in receipt of monthly wages falling within limits shown in the first column of Schedule IV—the amount shown against such limits in the second column thereof, and

- (ii) in the case of a minor—two hundred rupees;

- B. Where permanent total disablement results from the injury—

- (i) in the case of an adult in receipt of monthly wages falling within limits shown in the first column of Schedule IV—the amount shown against such limits in the third column thereof, and

- (ii) in the case of a minor—twelve hundred rupees;

- C. Where permanent partial disablement results from the injury—

- (i) in the case of an injury specified in Schedule I, such percentage of the compensation which would have been payable in the case of permanent total disablement as is specified therein as being the percentage of the loss of earning capacity caused by that injury, and

- (ii) in the case of an injury not specified in Schedule I, such percentage of the compensation payable in the case of permanent total disablement as is proportionate to the loss of earning capacity permanently caused by the injury;

*Explanation.*—Where more injuries than one are caused by the same accident, the amount of compensation payable under this head shall be aggregated but not so in any case as to exceed the amount which would have been payable if permanent total disablement had resulted from the injuries;

- D. Where temporary disablement, whether total or partial, results from the injury, a half-monthly payment payable on the sixteenth day after the expiry of a waiting period of seven days from the date of the disablement, and thereafter half-monthly during the disablement or during a period of five years, whichever period is shorter,—

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 4, for the original sub-section.

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- (i) in the case of an adult in receipt of monthly wages falling within limits shown in the first column of Schedule IV —of the sum shown against such limits in the fourth column thereof, and
- (ii) in the case of a minor—of one-half of his monthly wages, subject to a maximum of thirty rupees:

Provided that—

- (a) there shall be deducted from any lump sum or half-monthly payments to which the workman is entitled the amount of any payment or allowance which the workman has received from the employer by way of compensation during the period of disablement prior to the receipt of such lump sum or of the first half-monthly payment, as the case may be: and
- (b) no half-monthly payment shall in any case exceed the amount, if any, by which half the amount of the monthly wages of the workman before the accident exceeds half the amount of such wages which he is earning after the accident.]

(2) On the ceasing of the disablement before the date on which any half-monthly payment falls due, there shall be payable in respect of that half-month a sum proportionate to the duration of the disablement in that half-month.

*Method of calculating wages.*

<sup>1</sup>[5. (1)] For the purposes of <sup>2</sup>[this Act] the monthly wages of a workman shall be calculated as follows, namely:—

- (a) where the workman has, during a continuous period of not less than twelve months immediately preceding the accident, been in the service of the employer who is liable to pay compensation, the monthly wages of the workman shall be one-twelfth of the total wages which have fallen due for payment to him by the employer in the last twelve months of that period;
- <sup>3</sup>[(b) where the whole of the continuous period of service immediately preceding the accident during which the workman was in the service of the employer who is liable to pay the compensation was less than one month, the monthly wages of the workman shall be deemed to be the average monthly amount which, during the twelve months immediately preceding the accident, was being earned by a workman employed on the same work by the same employer, or, if

<sup>1</sup> The original s. 5 was re-numbered as sub-section (1) of that section by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1929 (5 of 1929), s. 8.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 5, for "section 4".

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by s. 5, *ibid.*

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there was no workman so employed, by a workman employed on similar work in the same locality;]

- <sup>1</sup>[(c)] in other cases, the monthly wages shall be thirty times the total wages earned in respect of the last continuous period of service immediately preceding the accident from the employer who is liable to pay compensation, divided by the number of days comprising such period.

<sup>2\*</sup>

*Explanation.*—A period of service shall, for the purposes of <sup>3</sup>[this sub-section] be deemed to be continuous which has not been interrupted by a period of absence from work exceeding fourteen days.

<sup>4\*</sup>

6. (1) Any half-monthly payment payable under this Act, either Review. under an agreement between the parties or under the order of a Commissioner, may be reviewed by the Commissioner, on the application either of the employer or of the workman accompanied by the certificate of a qualified medical practitioner that there has been a change in the condition of the workman or, subject to rules made under this Act, on application made without such certificate.

(2) Any half-monthly payment may, on review under this section, subject to the provisions of this Act, be continued, increased, decreased or ended, or if the accident is found to have resulted in permanent disablement, be converted to the lump sum to which the workman is entitled less any amount which he has already received by way of half-monthly payments.

7. Any right to receive half-monthly payments may, by agreement between the parties or, if the parties cannot agree and the payments have been continued for not less than six months, on the application of either party to the Commissioner be redeemed by the payment of a lump sum of such amount as may be agreed to by the parties or determined by the Commissioner, as the case may be.

8. <sup>5</sup>[(1) No payment of compensation in respect of a workman whose injury has resulted in death, and no payment of a lump sum as compensation to a woman or a person under a legal disability, shall be made otherwise than by deposit with the Commissioner, and no such payment made directly by an employer shall be deemed to be a payment of compensation :]

<sup>1</sup> The original cl. (b) was relettered (c) by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 5.

<sup>2</sup> The proviso was rep. by s. 5, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 3 of the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1929 (5 of 1929), for "this section".

<sup>4</sup> Sub-section (2), ins. by s. 3, *ibid.*, was rep. by s. 5 of Act 15 of 1933.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 4 of Act 5 of 1929 for the original sub-sections.

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<sup>1</sup>[Provided that, in the case of a deceased workman, an employer may make to any dependant advances on account of compensation not exceeding an aggregate of one hundred rupees, and so much of such aggregate as does not exceed the compensation payable to that dependant shall be deducted by the Commissioner from such compensation and repaid to the employer.]

(2) Any other sum amounting to not less than ten rupees which is payable as compensation may be deposited with the Commissioner on behalf of the person entitled thereto.

(3) The receipt of the Commissioner shall be a sufficient discharge in respect of any compensation deposited with him.]

(4) On the deposit of any money under sub-section (1) <sup>2</sup>[as compensation in respect of a deceased workman] the Commissioner <sup>3</sup>[shall deduct] therefrom the actual cost of the workman's funeral expenses, to an amount not exceeding <sup>4</sup>[twenty-five rupees] and pay the same to the person by whom such expenses were incurred, and shall, if he thinks necessary, cause notice to be published or to be served on each dependant in such manner as he thinks fit, calling upon the dependants to appear before him on such date as he may fix for determining the distribution of the compensation. If the Commissioner is satisfied after any inquiry which he may deem necessary, that no dependant exists, he shall repay the balance of the money to the employer by whom it was paid. The Commissioner shall, on application by the employer, furnish a statement showing in detail all disbursements made.

<sup>5</sup>[(5) Compensation deposited in respect of a deceased workman shall, subject to any deduction made under sub-section (4), be apportioned among the dependants of the deceased workman or any of them in such proportion as the Commissioner thinks fit, or may, in the discretion of the Commissioner, be allotted to any one dependant.

(6) Where any compensation deposited with the Commissioner is payable to any person, the Commissioner shall, if the person to whom the compensation is payable is not a woman or a person under a legal disability, and may, in other cases, pay the money to the person entitled thereto.

(7) Where any lump sum deposited with the Commissioner is payable to a woman or a person under a legal disability, such sum may be invested, applied or otherwise dealt with for the benefit of the woman,

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 6, for the original proviso.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1929 (5 of 1929), s. 4.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by Act 15 of 1933, s. 6, for "may deduct".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 6, *ibid.*, for the original words.

<sup>5</sup> Sub-sections (5) to (7) were subs. for the original sub-section (5) by Act 5 of 1929, s. 4.

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or of such person during his disability, in such manner as the Commissioner may direct; and where a half-monthly payment is payable to any person under a legal disability, the Commissioner may, of his own motion or on an application made to him in this behalf, order that the payment be made during the disability to any dependant of the workman or to any other person whom the Commissioner thinks best fitted to provide for the welfare of the workman.]

<sup>1</sup>[(8)] Where, on application made to him in this behalf or otherwise, the Commissioner is satisfied that, on account of neglect of children on the part of a parent or on account of the variation of the circumstances of any dependant or for any other sufficient cause, an order of the Commissioner as to the distribution of any sum paid as compensation or as to the manner in which any sum payable to any such dependant is to be invested, applied or otherwise dealt with, ought to be varied, the Commissioner may make such orders for the variation of the former order as he thinks just in the circumstances of the case:

Provided that no such order prejudicial to any person shall be made unless such person has been given an opportunity of showing cause why the order should not be made, or shall be made in any case in which it would involve the repayment by a dependant of any sum already paid to him.

<sup>2</sup>[(9) Where the Commissioner varies any order under sub-section (8) by reason of the fact that payment of compensation to any person has been obtained by fraud, impersonation or other improper means, any amount so paid to or on behalf of such person may be recovered in the manner hereinafter provided in section 31.]

9. Save as provided by this Act, no lump sum or half-monthly payment payable under this Act shall in any way be capable of being assigned or charged or be liable to attachment or pass to any person other than the workman by operation of law, nor shall any claim be set off against the same.

10. (1) No proceedings for the recovery of compensation shall be maintainable before a Commissioner unless notice of the accident has been given, in the manner hereinafter provided, as soon as practicable after the happening thereof and before the workman has voluntarily left the employment in which he was injured, and unless the claim for compensation with respect to such accident has been instituted within six months of the occurrence of the accident or, in case of death, within six months from the date of death:

Provided that, where the accident is the contracting of a disease in respect of which the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 3 are

<sup>1</sup> The original sub-section (6) was renumbered (8) by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1929 (5 of 1929), s. 4.

<sup>2</sup> Ins., *ibid.*

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applicable, the accident shall be deemed to have occurred on the first of the days during which the workman was continuously absent from work in consequence of the disablement caused by the disease:

<sup>1</sup>[Provided further that the want of or any defect or irregularity in a notice shall not be a bar to the maintenance of proceedings—

- (a) if the claim is made in respect of the death of a workman resulting from an accident which occurred on the premises of the employer, or at any place where the workman at the time of the accident was working under the control of the employer or of any person employed by him, and the workman died on such premises or at such place, or on any premises belonging to the employer, or died without having left the vicinity of the premises or place where the accident occurred, or
- (b) if the employer had knowledge of the accident from any other source at or about the time when it occurred:]

Provided, further, that the Commissioner may admit and decide any claim to compensation in any case notwithstanding that the notice has not been given, or the claim has not been instituted, in due time as provided in this sub-section, if he is satisfied that the failure so to give the notice or institute the claim, as the case may be, was due to sufficient cause.

(2) Every such notice shall give the name and address of the person injured and shall state in ordinary language the cause of the injury and the date on which the accident happened, and shall be served on the employer or upon <sup>2</sup>[any one of] several employers, or upon any person directly responsible to the employer for the management of any branch of the trade or business in which the injured workman was employed.

<sup>3</sup>[(3) The <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government] may require that any prescribed class of employers shall maintain at their premises at which workmen are employed a notice-book, in the prescribed form, which shall be readily accessible at all reasonable times to any injured workman employed on the premises and to any person acting *bona fide* on his behalf.

(4) A notice under this section may be served by delivering it at, or sending it by registered post addressed to, the residence or any office or place of business of the person on whom it is to be served, or, where a notice-book is maintained, by entry in the notice-book.]

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 7.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1924 (7 of 1924), s. 2, and Sch. I, for "any one or".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by Act 15 of 1933, s. 7, for the original sub-section (3).

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

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<sup>1</sup>[**10A.** (1) Where a Commissioner receives information from any source that a workman has died as a result of an accident arising out of and in the course of his employment, he may send by registered post a notice to the workman's employer requiring him to submit, within thirty days of the service of the notice, a statement, in the prescribed form, giving the circumstances attending the death of the workman, and indicating whether, in the opinion of the employer, he is or is not liable to deposit compensation on account of the death.

(2) If the employer is of opinion that he is liable to deposit compensation, he shall make the deposit within thirty days of the service of the notice.

(3) If the employer is of opinion that he is not liable to deposit compensation, he shall in his statement indicate the grounds on which he disclaims liability.

(4) Where the employer has so disclaimed liability, the Commissioner, after such enquiry as he may think fit, may inform any of the dependants of the deceased workman that it is open to the dependants to prefer a claim for compensation, and may give them such other further information as he may think fit.

**10B.** (1) Where, by any law for the time being in force, notice is required to be given to any authority, by or on behalf of an employer, of any accident occurring on his premises which results in death, the person required to give the notice shall, within seven days of the death, send a report to the Commissioner giving the circumstances attending the death:

Provided that where the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] has so prescribed the person required to give the notice may instead of sending such report to the Commissioner send it to the authority to whom he is required to give the notice.

(2) The <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], extend the provisions of sub-section (1) to any class of premises other than those coming within the scope of that sub-section, and may, by such notification, specify the persons who shall send the report to the Commissioner.]

**11.** (1) Where a workman has given notice of an accident, he shall, if the employer, before the expiry of three days from the time at which service of the notice has been effected, offers to have him examined free of charge by a qualified medical practitioner, submit himself for such examination, and any workman who is in receipt of a half-monthly

<sup>1</sup>Ss. 10A and 10B were ins. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 8.

<sup>2</sup>Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup>Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

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payment under this Act shall, if so required, submit himself for such examination from time to time:

Provided that a workman shall not be required to submit himself for examination by a medical practitioner otherwise than in accordance with rules made under this Act, or at more frequent intervals than may be prescribed.

(2) If a workman, on being required to do so by the employer under sub-section (1) or by the Commissioner at any time, refuses to submit himself for examination by a qualified medical practitioner or in any way obstructs the same, his right to compensation shall be suspended during the continuance of such refusal or obstruction unless, in the case of refusal, he was prevented by any sufficient cause from so submitting himself.

(3) If a workman, before the expiry of the period within which he is liable under sub-section (1) to be required to submit himself for medical examination, voluntarily leaves without having been so examined the vicinity of the place in which he was employed, his right to compensation shall be suspended until he returns and offers himself for such examination.

(4) Where a workman, whose right to compensation has been suspended under sub-section (2) or sub-section (3), dies without having submitted himself for medical examination as required by either of those sub-sections, the Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, direct the payment of compensation to the dependants of the deceased workman.

(5) Where under sub-section (2) or sub-section (3) a right to compensation is suspended, no compensation shall be payable in respect of the period of suspension, and, if the period of suspension commences before the expiry of the waiting period referred to in clause D of sub-section (1) of section 4, the waiting period shall be increased by the period during which the suspension continues.

(6) Where an injured workman has refused to be attended by a qualified medical practitioner whose services have been offered to him by the employer free of charge or having accepted such offer has deliberately disregarded the instructions of such medical practitioner, then, if it is thereafter proved that the workman has not been regularly attended by a qualified medical practitioner and that such refusal, failure or disregard was unreasonable in the circumstances of the case and that the injury has been aggravated thereby, the injury and resulting disablement shall be deemed to be of the same nature and duration as they might reasonably have been expected to be if the workman had been regularly attended by a qualified medical practitioner, and compensation, if any, shall be payable accordingly.

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**12.** (1) Where any person (hereinafter in this section referred to as Contracting the principal) in the course of or for the purposes of his trade or business contracts with any other person (hereinafter in this section referred to as the contractor) for the execution by or under the contractor of the whole or any part of any work which is ordinarily part of the trade or business of the principal, the principal shall be liable to pay to any workman employed in the execution of the work any compensation which he would have been liable to pay if that workman had been immediately employed by him; and where compensation is claimed from the principal, this Act shall apply as if references to the principal were substituted for references to the employer except that the amount of compensation shall be calculated with reference to the wages of the workman under the employer by whom he is immediately employed.

(2) Where the principal is liable to pay compensation under this section, he shall be entitled to be indemnified by the contractor, <sup>1</sup>[or any other person from whom the workman could have recovered compensation and where a contractor who is himself a principal is liable to pay compensation or to indemnify a principal under this section he shall be entitled to be indemnified by any person standing to him in the relation of a contractor from whom the workman could have recovered compensation] and all questions as to the right to and the amount of any such indemnity shall, in default of agreement, be settled by the Commissioner.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing a workman from recovering compensation from the contractor instead of the principal.

(4) This section shall not apply in any case where the accident occurred elsewhere than on, in or about the premises on which the principal has undertaken or usually undertakes, as the case may be, to execute the work or which are otherwise under his control or management.

**13.** Where a workman has recovered compensation in respect of any injury caused under circumstances creating a legal liability of some person other than the person by whom the compensation was paid to pay damages in respect thereof, the person by whom the compensation was paid and any person who has been called on to pay an indemnity under section 12 shall be entitled to be indemnified by the person so liable to pay damages as aforesaid.

**14.** (1) Where any employer has entered into a contract with any insurers in respect of any liability under this Act to any workman, then in the event of the employer becoming insolvent or making a composition or scheme of arrangement with his creditors or, if the employer is a company, in the event of the company having commenced to be wound

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 9.

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up, the rights of the employer against the insurers as respects that liability shall, notwithstanding anything in any law for the time being in force relating to insolvency or the winding up of companies, be transferred to and vest in the workman, and upon any such transfer the insurers shall have the same rights and remedies and be subject to the same liabilities as if they were the employer, so, however, that the insurers shall not be under any greater liability to the workman than they would have been under to the employer.

(2) If the liability of the insurers to the workman is less than the liability of the employer to the workman, the workman may prove for the balance in the insolvency proceedings or liquidation.

(3) Where in any case such as is referred to in sub-section (1) the contract of the employer with the insurers is void or voidable by reason of non-compliance on the part of the employer with any terms or conditions of the contract (other than a stipulation for the payment of premia), the provisions of that sub-section shall apply as if the contract were not void or voidable, and the insurers shall be entitled to prove in the insolvency proceedings or liquidation for the amount paid to the workman:

Provided that the provisions of this sub-section shall not apply in any case in which the workman fails to give notice to the insurers of the happening of the accident and of any resulting disablement as soon as practicable after he becomes aware of the institution of the insolvency or liquidation proceedings.

(4) There shall be deemed to be included among the debts which under section 49 of the Presidency-towns Insolvency Act, 1909, or III of 1909, under section 61 of the Provincial Insolvency Act, 1920, or under section 230 of the Indian Companies Act, 1913, are in the distribution of VII of 1913. the property of an insolvent or in the distribution of the assets of a company being wound up to be paid in priority to all other debts, the amount due in respect of any compensation the liability wherefor accrued before the date of the order of adjudication of the insolvent or the date of the commencement of the winding up, as the case may be, and those Acts shall have effect accordingly.

(5) Where the compensation is a half-monthly payment, the amount due in respect thereof shall, for the purposes of this section, be taken to be the amount of the lump sum for which the half-monthly payment could, if redeemable, be redeemed if application were made for that purpose under section 7, and a certificate of the Commissioner as to the amount of such sum shall be conclusive proof thereof.

(6) The provisions of sub-section (4) shall apply in the case of any amount for which an insurer is entitled to prove under sub-section (3), but otherwise those provisions shall not apply where the insolvent or the

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company being wound up has entered into such a contract with insurers as is referred to in sub-section (1).

(7) This section shall not apply where a company is wound up voluntarily merely for the purposes of reconstruction or of amalgamation with another company.

15. This Act shall apply in the case of workmen who are masters of ships or seamen subject to the following modifications, namely:—  
Special provisions relating to masters and seamen.

(1) The notice of the accident and the claim for compensation may, except where the person injured is the master of the ship, be served on the master of the ship as if he were the employer, but where the accident happened and the disablement commenced on board the ship, it shall not be necessary for any seaman to give any notice of the accident.

(2) In the case of the death of a master or seaman, the claim for compensation shall be made within six months after the news of the death has been received by the claimant or, where the ship has been or is deemed to have been lost with all hands, within eighteen months of the date on which the ship was, or is deemed to have been, so lost.

(3) Where an injured master or seaman is discharged or left behind in any part of His Majesty's dominions or in a foreign country, any depositions taken by any Judge or Magistrate in that part or by any Consular Officer in the foreign country and transmitted by the person by whom they are taken to the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] or any <sup>3</sup>[Provincial Government] shall, in any proceedings for enforcing the claim, be admissible in evidence—

- (a) if the deposition is authenticated by the signature of the Judge, Magistrate or Consular Officer before whom it is made;
- (b) if the defendant or the person accused, as the case may be, had an opportunity by himself or his agent to cross-examine the witness; and
- (c) if the deposition was made in the course of a criminal proceeding, on proof that the deposition was made in the presence of the person accused;

and it shall not be necessary in any case to prove the signature or official character of the person appearing to have signed any such deposition and a certificate by such person that the defendant or the person accused had an opportunity of cross-examining the witness and that the deposition if made in a criminal proceeding was made in the presence of the person accused shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that he had that opportunity and that it was so made.

<sup>1</sup> The word "registered" rep. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 10.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

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(4) In the case of the death of a master or seaman leaving no dependants, the Commissioner shall, if the owner of the ship is under any law in force for the time being in British India relating to merchant shipping liable to pay the expenses of burial of the master or seaman, return to the employer the full amount of the compensation deposited under sub-section (7) of section 8 without making the deduction referred to in sub-section (4) of that section.

(5) No <sup>1</sup>[half-monthly payment] shall be payable in respect of the period during which the owner of the ship is, under any law in force for the time being in British India relating to merchant shipping, liable to defray the expenses of maintenance of the injured master or seaman.

Returns as  
to compensation.

**16.** The <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], direct that every person employing workmen, or that any specified class of such persons, shall send at such time and in such form and to such authority, as may be specified in the notification, a correct return specifying the number of injuries in respect of which compensation has been paid by the employer during the previous year and the amount of such compensation, together with such other particulars as to the compensation as the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may direct.

Contracting out.

**17.** Any contract or agreement whether made before or after the commencement of this Act, whereby a workman relinquishes any right of compensation from the employer for personal injury arising out of or in the course of the employment, shall be null and void in so far as it purports to remove or reduce the liability of any person to pay compensation under this Act.

Proof of age.

**18.** Where any question arises as to the age of a person injured by accident arising out of and in the course of his employment in a factory, a certificate granted in respect of such person under section 7 or section 8 of the Indian Factories Act, 1911<sup>4</sup>, before the occurrence of the XII of 1911, injury shall be conclusive proof of the age of such person.

Penalties.

**<sup>5</sup>[18A. (1)] Whoever—**

- (a) fails to maintain a notice-book which he is required to maintain under sub-section (3) of section 10, or
- (b) fails to send to the Commissioner a statement which he is required to send under sub-section (1) of section 10A, or
- (c) fails to send a report which he is required to send under section 10B, or

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1924 (7 of 1924), s. 2 and Sch. I, for "monthly payment".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> See now the Indian Factories Act, 1934 (25 of 1934), s. 52.

<sup>5</sup> S. 18A was ins. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 11.

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(d) fails to make a return which he is required to make under section 16,

shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

(2) No prosecution under this section shall be instituted except by or with the previous sanction of a Commissioner, and no Court shall take cognizance of any offence under this section, unless complaint thereof is made within six months of the date on which the offence is alleged to have been committed.]

### CHAPTER III.

#### COMMISSIONERS.

**19.** (1) If any question arises in any proceedings under this Act as to Reference to the liability of any person to pay compensation (including any question as to whether a person injured is or is not a workman) or as to the amount or duration of compensation (including any question as to the nature or extent of disablement), the question shall, in default of agreement, be settled by <sup>1</sup>[a Commissioner].

(2) No Civil Court shall have jurisdiction to settle, decide or deal with any question which is by or under this Act required to be settled, decided or dealt with by a Commissioner or to enforce any liability incurred under this Act.

**20.** (1) The <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint any person to be a Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation for such local area as may be specified in the notification.

<sup>4</sup>[(2) Where more than one Commissioner has been appointed for any local area, the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by general or special order, regulate the distribution of business between them.]

<sup>4</sup>[(3)] Any Commissioner may, for the purpose of deciding any matter referred to him for decision under this Act, choose one or more persons possessing special knowledge of any matter relevant to the matter under inquiry to assist him in holding the inquiry.

<sup>4</sup>[(4)] Every Commissioner shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code.

**21.** (1) Where any matter is under this Act to be done by or before a Commissioner, the same shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and transfer.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 12, for "the Commissioner".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>4</sup> A new sub-section (2) was ins., and the old sub-sections (2) and (3) were re-numbered (3) and (4), by Act 15 of 1933, s. 13.

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and to any rules made hereunder, be done by or before <sup>1</sup>[a Commissioner] for the local area in which the accident took place which resulted in the injury:

Provided that, where the workman is the master of a <sup>2\*</sup> ship or a seaman, any such matter may be done by or before <sup>1</sup>[a Commissioner] for the local area in which the owner or agent of the ship resides or carries on business.

(2) If a Commissioner is satisfied by any party to any proceedings under this Act pending before him that such matter can be more conveniently dealt with by any other Commissioner, whether in the same Province or not, he may, subject to rules made under this Act, order such matter to be transferred to such other Commissioner either for report or for disposal, and, if he does so, shall forthwith transmit to such other Commissioner all documents relevant for the decision of such matter and, where the matter is transferred for disposal, shall also transmit in the prescribed manner any money remaining in his hands or invested by him for the benefit of any party to the proceedings:

Provided that no matter other than a matter relating to the actual payment to a workman or the distribution among dependants of a lump sum shall be transferred for disposal under this sub-section to a Commissioner in the same Province save with the previous sanction of the <sup>3</sup>[Provincial Government] or to a Commissioner in another Province save with the previous sanction of <sup>4</sup>[the Provincial Government of that Province], unless all the parties to the proceedings agree to the transfer.

(3) The Commissioner to whom any matter is so transferred shall, subject to rules made under this Act, inquire thereinto and, if the matter was transferred for report, return his report thereon or, if the matter was transferred for disposal, continue the proceedings as if they had originally commenced before him.

(4) On receipt of a report from a Commissioner to whom any matter has been transferred for report under sub-section (2), the Commissioner by whom it was referred shall decide the matter referred in conformity with such report.

<sup>5</sup>[(5) The <sup>3</sup>[Provincial Government] may transfer any matter from any Commissioner appointed by it to any other Commissioner appointed by it.]

22. (1) No application for the settlement of any matter by a Commissioner, <sup>6</sup>[other than an application by a dependant or dependants for

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 14, for "the Commissioner".

<sup>2</sup> The word "registered" rep. by s. 14, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the G. G. in C."

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by Act 15 of 1933, s. 14.

<sup>6</sup> Ins. by s. 15, *ibid.*

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compensation] shall be made unless and until some question has arisen between the parties in connection therewith which they have been unable to settle by agreement.

(2) <sup>1</sup>[An application to a Commissioner] may be made in such form and shall be accompanied by such fee, if any, as may be prescribed, and shall contain, in addition to any particulars which may be prescribed, the following particulars, namely:—

- (a) a concise statement of the circumstances in which the application is made and the relief or order which the applicant claims;
- (b) in the case of a claim for compensation against an employer, the date of service of notice of the accident on the employer and, if such notice has not been served or has not been served in due time, the reason for such omission;
- (c) the names and addresses of the parties; and
- (d) <sup>2</sup>[except in the case of an application by defendants for compensation] a concise statement of the matters on which agreement has and <sup>3</sup>[of] those on which agreement has not been come to.

(3) If the applicant is illiterate or for any other reason is unable to furnish the required information in writing, the application shall, if the applicant so desires, be prepared under the direction of the Commissioner.

<sup>4</sup>[**22A.** (1) Where any sum has been deposited by an employer as compensation payable in respect of a workman whose injury has resulted in death, and in the opinion of the Commissioner such sum is insufficient, the Commissioner may, by notice in writing stating his reasons, call upon the employer to show cause why he should not make a further deposit within such time as may be stated in the notice. Power of Commissioner to require further deposit in cases of fatal accident.

(2) If the employer fails to show cause to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, the Commissioner may make an award determining the total amount payable, and requiring the employer to deposit the deficiency.]

**23.** The Commissioner shall have all the powers of a Civil Court Powers and under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for the purpose of taking procedure of evidence on oath (which such Commissioner is hereby empowered to Commissioners. impose) and of enforcing the attendance of witnesses and compelling the production of documents and material objects, <sup>5</sup>[and the Commissioner

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 15, for "where any such question has arisen, the application".

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by s. 15, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1925 (37 of 1925), s. 2 and Sch. I, for "on".

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by Act 15 of 1933, s. 16.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1929 (5 of 1929), s. 5.

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shall be deemed to be a Civil Court for all the purposes of section 195 and of Chapter XXXV of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898].

V of 1898.

Appearance  
of parties.

**24.** Any appearance, application or act required to be made or done by any person before or to a Commissioner (other than an appearance of a party which is required for the purpose of his examination as a witness) may be made or done on behalf of such person by a legal practitioner or other person authorised in writing by such person.

Method of  
recording  
evidence.

**25.** The Commissioner shall make a brief memorandum of the substance of the evidence of every witness as the examination of the witness proceeds, and such memorandum shall be written and signed by the Commissioner with his own hand and shall form part of the record:

Provided that, if the Commissioner is prevented from making such memorandum, he shall record the reason of his inability to do so and shall cause such memorandum to be made in writing from his dictation and shall sign the same, and such memorandum shall form part of the record:

Provided further that the evidence of any medical witness shall be taken down as nearly as may be word for word.

Costs.

**26.** All costs, incidental to any proceedings before a Commissioner, shall, subject to rules made under this Act, be in the discretion of the Commissioner.

Power to  
submit cases.

**27.** A Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, submit any question of law for the decision of the High Court and, if he does so, shall decide the question in conformity with such decision.

Registration  
of agree-  
ments.

**28.** (1) Where the amount of any lump sum payable as compensation has been settled by agreement, whether by way of redemption of a half-monthly payment or otherwise, or where any compensation has been so settled as being payable <sup>1</sup>[to a woman or a person under a legal disability] <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* \* a memorandum thereof shall be sent by the employer to the Commissioner, who shall, on being satisfied as to its genuineness, record the memorandum in a register in the prescribed manner:

Provided that—

(a) no such memorandum shall be recorded before seven days after communication by the Commissioner of notice to the parties concerned;

\* \* \* \* \*

(c) the Commissioner may at any time rectify the register;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1929 (5 of 1929), s. 6, for "to a person under a legal disability".

<sup>2</sup> The words "or to a dependant" rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1924 (7 of 1924), s. 3 and Sch. II.

<sup>3</sup> Cl. (5) rep. by Act 5 of 1929, s. 6.

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(d) where it appears to the Commissioner that an agreement as to the payment of a lump sum whether by way of redemption of a half-monthly payment or otherwise, or an agreement as to the amount of compensation payable <sup>1</sup>[to a woman or a person under a legal disability] <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* \* ought not to be registered by reason of the inadequacy of the sum or amount, or by reason of the agreement having been obtained by fraud or undue influence or other improper means, he may refuse to record the memorandum of the agreement <sup>3</sup>[and may make such order] including an order as to any sum already paid under the agreement, as he thinks just in the circumstances.

IX of 1872. (2) An agreement for the payment of compensation which has been registered under sub-section (1) shall be enforceable under this Act notwithstanding anything contained in the Indian Contract Act, 1872, or in any other law for the time being in force.

**29.** Where a memorandum of any agreement the registration of which is required by section 28, is not sent to the Commissioner as required by that section, the employer shall be liable to pay the full amount of compensation which he is liable to pay under the provisions of this Act, and notwithstanding anything contained in the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 4, shall not, unless the Commissioner otherwise directs, be entitled to deduct more than half of any amount paid to the workman by way of compensation whether under the agreement or otherwise.

**30.** (1) An appeal shall lie to the High Court from the following Appeals. orders of a Commissioner, namely:—

- (a) an order awarding as compensation a lump sum whether by way of redemption of a half-monthly payment or otherwise or disallowing a claim in full or in part for a lump sum;
- (b) an order refusing to allow redemption of a half-monthly payment;
- (c) an order providing for the distribution of compensation among the dependants of a deceased workman, or disallowing any claim of a person alleging himself to be such dependant;
- (d) an order allowing or disallowing any claim for the amount of an indemnity under the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 12; or
- (e) an order refusing to register a memorandum of agreement or registering the same or providing for the registration of the same subject to conditions:

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1929 (5 of 1929), s. 6, for "to a person under any legal disability".

<sup>2</sup> The words "or to any dependant" rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1924 (7 of 1924), s. 3 and Sch. II.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 2 and Sch. I, *ibid.*, for "or may make such order".

Provided that no appeal shall lie against any order unless a substantial question of law is involved in the appeal and, in the case of an order other than an order such as is referred to in clause (b), unless the amount in dispute in the appeal is not less than three hundred rupees:

Provided, further, that no appeal shall lie in any case in which the parties have agreed to abide by the decision of the Commissioner, or in which the order of the Commissioner gives effect to an agreement come to by the parties:

<sup>1</sup>[Provided further that no appeal by an employer under clause (a) shall lie unless the memorandum of appeal is accompanied by a certificate by the Commissioner to the effect that the appellant has deposited with him the amount payable under the order appealed against.]

(2) The period of limitation for an appeal under this section shall be sixty days.

(3) The provisions of section 5 of the Indian Limitation Act, 1908, IX of 1908, shall be applicable to appeals under this section.

Withholding  
of certain  
payments  
pending  
decision of  
appeal.

<sup>2</sup>[**30A.** Where an employer makes an appeal under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 30, the Commissioner may, and if so directed by the High Court shall, pending the decision of the appeal, withhold payment of any sum in deposit with him.]

Recovery.

**31.** The Commissioner may recover as an arrear of land-revenue any amount payable by any person under this Act, whether under an agreement for the payment of compensation or otherwise, and the Commissioner shall be deemed to be a public officer within the meaning of section 5 of the Revenue Recovery Act, 1890.

I of 1890.

## CHAPTER IV.

### RULES.

Power of  
the  
Provincial  
Government  
to make  
rules.

**32. (1)** The <sup>3</sup>[Provincial Government] may make rules<sup>4</sup> to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

(a) for prescribing the intervals at which and the conditions subject to which an application for review may be made under section 6 when not accompanied by a medical certificate;

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 17.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by s. 18, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> For the Workmen's Compensation Rules, 1924, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, p. 262.

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- (b) for prescribing the intervals at which and the conditions subject to which a workman may be required to submit himself for medical examination under sub-section (1) of section 11;
- (c) for prescribing the procedure to be followed by Commissioners in the disposal of cases under this Act and by the parties in such cases;
- (d) for regulating the transfer of matters and cases from one Commissioner to another and the transfer of money in such cases;
- (e) for prescribing the manner in which money in the hands of a Commissioner may be invested for the benefit of dependants of a deceased workman and for the transfer of money so invested from one Commissioner to another;
- (f) for the representation in proceedings before Commissioners of parties who are minors or are unable to make an appearance;
- (g) for prescribing the form and manner in which memoranda of agreements shall be presented and registered;
- (h) for the withholding by Commissioners, whether in whole or in part of half-monthly payments pending decision on applications for review of the same; <sup>1\*</sup>

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- <sup>1</sup>[*(i)* for regulating the scales of costs which may be allowed in proceedings under this Act;
- (j)* for prescribing and determining the amount of the fees payable in respect of any proceedings before a Commissioner under this Act;
- (k)* for the maintenance by Commissioners of registers and records of proceedings before them;
- (l)* for prescribing the classes of employers who shall maintain notice-books under sub-section (3) of section 10, and the form of such notice-books;
- (m)* for prescribing the form of statement to be submitted by employers under section 10A; and
- (n)* for prescribing the cases in which the report referred to in section 10B may be sent to an authority other than the Commissioner].

33. [Power of Local Government to make rules.] Rep. by the A. O.

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<sup>1</sup>The word "and" at the end of cl. (h) and the original cl. (i) were rep., and the new cl. (i) to (n), which were the same as cl. (a) to (f) of s. 33, were ins., by the A. O.

## (Chapter IV.—Rules.)

Publication  
of rules.

**34.** (1) The power to make rules conferred by <sup>1</sup>[section 32] shall be subject to the condition of the rules being made after previous publication.

(2) The date to be specified in accordance with clause (3) of section 23 of the General Clauses Act, 1897, as that after which a draft of rules <sup>X</sup> of 1897 proposed to be made under section 32 <sup>2\*</sup> \* will be taken into consideration, shall not be less than three months from the date on which the draft of the proposed rules was published for general information.

(3) Rules so made shall be published in <sup>3\*</sup> \* \* the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette] <sup>5\*</sup> \* \* and, on such publication, shall have effect as if enacted in this Act.

Rules to  
give effect  
to arrange-  
ments  
with other  
countries for  
the transfer  
of money  
paid as  
compensa-  
tion.

**35.** [(1)] The <sup>6</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>7</sup>[Official Gazette], make rules for the transfer to any part of His Majesty's Dominions or to any other country of money <sup>10</sup>[deposited with] a Commissioner under this Act <sup>11</sup>[which has been awarded to, or may be due to,] any person residing or about to reside in such part or country and for the receipt <sup>12</sup>[, distribution] and administration in British India of any money <sup>13</sup>[deposited] under the law relating to workmen's compensation in any part of His Majesty's Dominions or in any other country, <sup>14</sup>[which has been awarded to, or may be due to,] any person residing or about to reside in British India :]

<sup>12</sup>[Provided that no sum deposited under this Act in respect of fatal accidents shall be so transferred without the consent of the employer concerned until the Commissioner receiving the sum has passed orders determining its distribution and apportionment under the provisions of sub-sections (4) and (5) of section 8.]

(2) Where money deposited with a Commissioner has been so transferred in accordance with the rules made under this section, the provisions elsewhere contained in this Act regarding distribution by the Commissioner of compensation deposited with him shall cease to apply in respect of any such money.]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "sections 32 and 33".

<sup>2</sup> The words and figures "or section 33" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> The words "the Gazette of India or" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>5</sup> The words "as the case may be" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>6</sup> Ins. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 15.

<sup>7</sup> The original s. 35 was re-numbered as sub-section (1) of that section by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1937 (7 of 1937), s. 2.

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>9</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>10</sup> Subs. by Act 7 of 1937, s. 2, for "paid to".

<sup>11</sup> Subs. by s. 2, *ibid.*, for "for the benefit of".

<sup>12</sup> Ins. by s. 2, *ibid.*

<sup>13</sup> Subs. by s. 2, *ibid.*, for "awarded".

<sup>14</sup> Subs. by s. 2, *ibid.*, for "and applicable for the benefit of".

(Schedule I. Schedule II.)

## SCHEDULE I.

[See sections 2 (1) and 4.]

*List of injuries deemed to result in permanent partial disablement.*

Injury.	Percentage of loss of earning capacity.
Loss of right arm above or at the elbow . . . . .	70
Loss of left arm above or at the elbow . . . . .	60
Loss of right arm below the elbow . . . . .	60
Loss of leg at or above the knee . . . . .	60
Loss of left arm below the elbow . . . . .	50
Loss of leg below the knee . . . . .	50
Permanent total loss of hearing . . . . .	50
Loss of one eye . . . . .	30
Loss of thumb . . . . .	25
Loss of all toes of one foot . . . . .	20
Loss of one phalanx of thumb . . . . .	10
Loss of index finger . . . . .	10
Loss of great toe . . . . .	10
Loss of any finger other than index finger . . . . .	5

**NOTE.**—Complete and permanent loss of the use of any limb or member referred to in this Schedule shall be deemed to be the equivalent of the loss of that limb or member.

## SCHEDULE II.

[See section 2 (1) (n).]

*List of persons who, subject to the provisions of section 2 (1) (n), are included in the definition of workmen.*

The following persons are workmen within the meaning of section 2 (1) (n) and subject to the provisions of that section, that is to say, any person who is—

- <sup>1</sup>[(i) employed, otherwise than in a clerical capacity or on a railway, in connection with the operation or maintenance of mechanically propelled vehicles; or
- (ii) employed otherwise than in a clerical capacity in any premises wherein, or within the precincts whereof, on any one day of the preceding twelve months, ten or more persons have been employed in any manufacturing process, as defined in clause (4) of section 2 of the Indian Factories

<sup>1</sup> These clauses and the explanation were subs. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 21, for the original clauses.

## (Schedule II.)

Act, 1911,<sup>1</sup> or in any kind of work whatsoever incidental to or connected with any such manufacturing process or with the article made, and steam, water or other mechanical power or electrical power is used; or

- (iii) employed for the purpose of making, altering, repairing, ornamenting, finishing or otherwise adapting for use, transport or sale any article or part of an article in any premises wherein or within the precincts whereof on any one day of the preceding twelve months, fifty or more persons have been so employed; or
- (iv) employed in the manufacture or handling of explosives in any premises wherein, or within the precincts whereof, on any one day of the preceding twelve months, ten or more persons have been so employed; or
- (v) employed, in any mine as defined in clause (f) of section 3 of the Indian Mines Act, 1923, in any mining operation, or in any kind of work, other than clerical work, incidental to or connected with any mining operation or with the mineral obtained, or in any kind of work whatsoever below ground:

Provided that any excavation in which on no day of the preceding twelve months more than fifty persons have been employed or explosives have been used and whose depth from its highest to its lowest point does not exceed twenty feet shall be deemed not to be a mine for the purpose of this clause; or

- (vi) employed as the master or as a seaman of—
  - (a) any ship which is propelled wholly or in part by steam or other mechanical power or by electricity or which is towed or intended to be towed by a ship so propelled, or
  - (b) any ship not included in sub-clause (a) of fifty tons net tonnage or over; or
- (vii) employed for the purpose of loading, unloading, fuelling, constructing, repairing, demolishing, cleaning or painting any ship of which he is not the master or a member of the crew, or in the handling or transport within the limits of any port subject to the Indian Ports Act, 1908, of goods which have been discharged from or are to be loaded into any vessel; or

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<sup>1</sup> See now the Indian Factories Act, 1934 (25 of 1934), s. 2 (g).

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- (viii) employed in the construction, repair or demolition of—
- (a) any building which is designed to be or is or has been more than one storey in height above the ground or twenty feet or more from the ground level to the apex of the roof; or
  - (b) any dam or embankment which is twenty feet or more in height from its lowest to its highest point; or
  - (c) any road, bridge, or tunnel; or
  - (d) any wharf, quay, sea-wall or other marine work including any moorings of ships; or
- (ix) employed in setting up, repairing, maintaining, or taking down any telegraph or telephone line or post or any overhead electric line or cable or post or standard for the same; or
- (x) employed, otherwise than in a clerical capacity, in the construction, working, repair or demolition of any aerial ropeway, canal pipe-line, or sewer; or
- (xi) employed in the service of any fire brigade; or
- (xii) employed upon a railway as defined in clause (4) of section 3, and sub-section (1) of section 148 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890, either directly or through a sub-contractor, by a person fulfilling a contract with the railway administration; or
- (xiii) employed as an inspector, mail guard, sorter or van peon in the Railway Mail Service, or employed in any occupation ordinarily involving outdoor work in the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department; or
- (xiv) employed, otherwise than in a clerical capacity, in connection with operations for winning natural petroleum or natural gas; or
- (xv) employed in any occupation involving blasting operations; or
- (xvi) employed in the making of any excavation in which on any one day of the preceding twelve months more than fifty persons have been employed or explosives have been used, or whose depth from its highest to its lowest point exceeds twenty feet; or
- (xvii) employed in the operation of any ferry boat capable of carrying more than ten persons; or

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- (xviii) employed, otherwise than in a clerical capacity, on any estate which is maintained for the purpose of growing cinchona, coffee, rubber or tea, and on which on any one day in the preceding twelve months twenty-five or more persons have been so employed; or
- (xix) employed, otherwise than in a clerical capacity, in the generating, transforming or supplying of electrical energy or in the generating or supplying of gas; or
- (xx) employed in a lighthouse as defined in clause (d) of section 2 of the Indian Lighthouse Act, 1927; or
- (xxi) employed in producing cinematograph pictures intended for public exhibition or in exhibiting such pictures; or
- (xxii) employed in the training, keeping or working of elephants or wild animals; or
- (xxiii) employed as a diver.

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1927.

*Explanation.—In this Schedule, “the preceding twelve months” relates in any particular case to the twelve months ending with the day on which the accident in such case occurred.]*

## SCHEDULE III.

(See section 3.)

*List of occupational diseases.*

Occupational disease.	Employment.
Lead poisoning or its sequelæ .	Any process involving the use of lead or its preparations or compounds.
Phosphorus poisoning or its sequelæ.	Any process involving the use of phosphorus or its preparations or compounds.
[Mercury poisoning or its sequelæ.	Any process involving the use of mercury or its preparations or compounds.
Poisoning by benzene and its homologues, or the sequelæ of such poisoning.	Handling benzene or any of its homologues and any process in the manufacture or involving the use of benzene or any of its homologues.
Chrome ulceration or its sequelæ .	Any process involving the use of chromic acid or bichromate of ammonium, potassium or sodium, or their preparations.
Compressed air illness or its sequelæ.	Any process carried on in compressed air.]

<sup>1</sup> These entries were ins. by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1933 (15 of 1933), s. 22.

## (Schedule IV.)

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<sup>1</sup>[SCHEDULE IV.

(See section 4.)

Compensation payable in certain cases.

Amount of compensation for—

Monthly wages of the workman injured.	Death of Adult.	Permanent total Disablement of Adult.	Half-monthly payment as compensation for temporary Disablement of Adult.
1	2	3	4
More than	But not more than		
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. Half his monthly wages.
0	10	500	700
10	15	550	5 0
15	18	600	6 0
18	21	630	7 0
21	24	720	8 0
24	27	810	8 8
27	30	900	9 0
30	35	1,050	9 8
35	40	1,200	10 0
40	45	1,350	11 4
45	50	1,500	12 8
50	60	1,800	15 0
60	70	2,100	17 8
70	80	2,400	20 0
80	100	3,000	25 0
100	200	3,500	30 0
200	...	4,000	30 0]

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**Act No. XIV OF 1923.<sup>1</sup>**

[16th March, 1923.]

**An Act to provide for the creation of a fund for the improvement and development of the growing, marketing and manufacture of cotton in India.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the creation of a fund to be expended by a Committee specially constituted in this behalf for the improvement and development of the growing, marketing and manufacture of cotton in India; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**Short title and extent.**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Cotton Cess Act, 1923.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India (including British Baluchistan and the Sonthal Parganas), <sup>2</sup>[and including also Berar].

**Definitions.**

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,

(a) “Collector” means, in reference to cotton consumed in a mill in British India, the Collector of the district in which the mill is situated <sup>3</sup>[or any other officer appointed by the [Central Government] to perform the duties of a Collector under this Act];

(b) “the Committee” means the Indian Central Cotton Committee constituted under this Act;

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1923, Pt. V, p. 59; and for Report of Joint Committee, see *ibid.*, 1923, Pt. V, p. 97.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “except Aden”.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Indian Cotton Cess (Amendment) Act, 1924 (1 of 1924), s. 2.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “L. G.”

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1878.

XII of 1911.

II of 1896.

- (c) "cotton" means raw cotton, whether baled or loose, which has been ginned;
- (d) "Customs-collector" and "customs-port" mean respectively a Customs-collector and a customs-port as defined in section 3 of the Sea Customs Act, 1878;
- (e) "mill" means any place which is a factory as defined in section 2 of the Indian Factories Act, 1911<sup>1</sup>, and in which cotton is converted into yarn or thread either for sale as such or for conversion into cotton goods as defined in section 3 of the <sup>2</sup>Cotton Duties Act, 1896; and
- (f) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act.

<sup>3</sup>[3. (1)] There shall be levied and collected on all cotton produced in India and either exported from any customs-port to any port outside British India or consumed in any mill in British India a cess at the rate of two annas per standard bale of four hundred pounds avoirdupois, or, in the case of unbaled cotton, of six pies per hundred pounds avoirdupois:

Provided that the cess shall be levied and collected at double the above rates until the expiry of three years from the commencement of this Act.

<sup>4</sup>[(2) The <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification<sup>6</sup> in the <sup>7</sup>[Official Gazette], direct that the cess referred to in sub-section (1) shall be levied and collected on all cotton produced in India and exported by land from British India to any foreign territory outside India which may be specified in the notification.]

4. As soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, the <sup>Constitution of Indian Central Cotton Committee.</sup> [Central Government] shall cause to be constituted a Committee consisting of the following members, namely:—

(i) <sup>8</sup>[the Vice-Chairman of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research];

<sup>9</sup>[(ia) the Expert Adviser to the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research in agricultural matters;]

<sup>10</sup>[(ii) six persons to be nominated by the Central Government to represent respectively the Agricultural Departments of the

<sup>1</sup> See now the Indian Factories Act, 1934 (25 of 1934), s. 2 (j).

<sup>2</sup> Rep. by the Indian Finance Act, 1926 (19 of 1926), s. 3.

<sup>3</sup> The original s. 3 was re-numbered as sub-section (1) of that section by the Indian Cotton Cess (Amendment) Act, 1924 (1 of 1924), s. 3.

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by s. 3, *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>6</sup> For such notification, see Gen. R. and O., Vol. V, p. 318.

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by the Indian Cotton Cess (Amendment) Act, 1929 (14 of 1929), s. 2, for "the Agricultural Adviser to the G. of I."

<sup>9</sup> Ins. by s. 2, *ibid.*

<sup>10</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original clause.

Provincial Governments of Madras, Bombay, Sind, the United Provinces, the Punjab, and the Central Provinces and Berar;]

- (iii) the Director General of Commercial Intelligence;
- (iv) nine persons nominated, respectively, by the East India Cotton Association, the Bombay Millowners' Association, the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, the Karachi Chamber of Commerce, the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association, the Tuticorin Chamber of Commerce, the Upper India Chamber of Commerce, and the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation;
- <sup>1</sup>[(v) four persons nominated by the Central Government to represent the cotton manufacturing or cotton ginning industry, of whom two shall be nominated to represent the industry in the Central Provinces and Berar, one to represent the industry in Madras and one to represent the industry in the Punjab;]
- (vi) one person nominated by <sup>2</sup>[the Central Government to represent] Bengal;
- (vii) one person having knowledge of co-operative banking nominated by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government];
- <sup>1</sup>[(viii) ten persons nominated by the Central Government to represent the cotton growing industry of whom two shall be nominated to represent the industry in Madras, two to represent the industry in the United Provinces, two to represent the industry in the Punjab, two to represent the industry in the Central Provinces and Berar, one to represent the industry in Bombay and one to represent the industry in Sind;]
- (ix) three persons nominated, respectively, by the Government of His Exalted Highness the Nizam of the Hyderabad State, by the Durbar of the Baroda State and by the Durbar of the Gwalior State;
- (x) one person nominated jointly by the Durbars of the Indian States in Rajputana and Central India; and
- (xi) such additional persons as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint:

Provided that, if within the period prescribed in this behalf, any authority or other person fails to make any nomination which it or he is entitled to make under this section, the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the original clause.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the L. G. of".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>1</sup>[itself] appoint a member or members, as the case may be, to fill the vacancy or vacancies.

5. (1) The Committee so constituted shall be a body corporate by the name of the Indian Central Cotton Committee, having perpetual succession and a common seal with power to acquire and hold property both moveable and immoveable and to contract, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

(2) <sup>2</sup>[The Vice-Chairman of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research] shall be *ex-officio* President of the Committee.

(3) The Secretary of the Committee shall be a person, not being a member of the Committee, appointed by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government].

6. (1) The owner of every mill shall furnish to the Collector, on or before the seventh day of each month, a return stating the total amount of cotton consumed or brought under process in the mill during the preceding month, together with such further information in regard thereto as may be prescribed:

Provided that no return shall be required in regard to cotton consumed or brought under process before the commencement of this Act.

(2) Every such return shall be made in such form and shall be verified in such manner as may be prescribed.

7. (1) On receiving any return made under section 6, the Collector shall assess the cotton cess payable in respect of the period to which the return relates, and if the amount has not already been paid shall cause a notice to be served upon the owner of the mill requiring him to make payment of the amount assessed within ten days of the service of the notice.

(2) If the owner of any mill fails to furnish in due time the return referred to in section 6 or furnishes a return which the Collector has reason to believe is incorrect or defective, the Collector shall assess the amount payable by him in such manner, if any, as may be prescribed, and the provisions of sub-section (1) shall thereupon apply as if such assessment had been made on the basis of a return furnished by the owner:

Provided that, in the case of a return which he has reason to believe is incorrect or defective, the Collector shall not assess the cess at an amount higher than that at which it is assessable on the basis of the return without giving to the owner a reasonable opportunity of proving the correctness and completeness of the return.

(3) A notice under sub-section (1) may be served on the owner of a mill either by post or by delivering it or tendering it to the owner or his agent at the mill.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "himself".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Indian Cotton Cess (Amendment) Act, 1929 (14 of 1929), s. 3, for "The Agricultural Adviser to the G. of I."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

Collection of  
cess on  
exported  
cotton.

<sup>1</sup>[**8. (1)**] In respect of cotton exported by sea, the cess shall be assessed and levied by the Customs-collector at the customs-port of export and, subject to the provisions of this Act and of any rules made thereunder, shall, for all or any of the purposes of the Sea Customs Act, 1878, be deemed to be a duty of customs.

VIII of  
1878.

<sup>2</sup>[**(2)** In respect of cotton exported by land on which the cess is leviable—

(a) where the cotton is exported to any territory which is foreign territory as defined in the Land Customs Act, 1924, the <sup>XIX of</sup> 1924. cess shall be assessed by such authorities and in such manner as may be prescribed, and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and of any rules made thereunder, for all or any of the purposes of the Land Customs Act, 1924, be <sup>XIX of</sup> 1924. deemed to be a duty of land customs leviable under section 5 of the Indian Tariff Act, 1894; and

VIII of  
1894.

(b) in any other case, the cess shall be assessed and levied by such authorities and in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) The Central Board of Revenue constituted under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1924, may make rules<sup>3</sup> providing, on such conditions as may be specified in the rules, for—

(a) the refund of the cess levied where cotton is exported by land and subsequently imported into India; and  
(b) the export by land, without payment of the cess, of cotton which is subsequently to be imported into India.]

Finality of  
assessment  
and re-  
covery of  
unpaid cess.

9. (1) An assessment made in accordance with the provisions of section 7 or section 8 shall not be questioned in any Court.

(2) Any owner of a mill who is aggrieved by an assessment made under section 7 may, within three months of service of the notice referred to in sub-section (1) of that section, apply to the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] for the cancellation or modification of the assessment and, on such application, the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] may cancel or modify the assessment and order the refund to such owner of the whole or part, as the case may be, of any amount paid thereunder.

(3) Any sum recoverable under section 7 may be recovered as an arrear of land revenue.

Power to  
inspect mills  
and take  
copies of  
records and  
accounts.

10. (1) The Collector or any officer empowered by general or special order of the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf shall have free access at all reasonable times during working hours to any mill or to any part of any mill.

<sup>1</sup> The original s. 8 was re-numbered as sub-section (1) of that section by the Indian Cotton Cess (Amendment) Act, 1924 (1 of 1924), s. 4.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Indian Cotton Cess (Amendment) Act, 1925 (18 of 1925), s. 2, for the original sub-section (2) which was ins. by Act 1 of 1924, s. 4.

<sup>3</sup> For such rules, see Gen. R. and O., Vol. V, p. 318.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

(2) The Collector or any such officer may at any time, with or without notice to the owner, examine the working records, sale records and accounts of any mill and take copies of or extracts from all or any of the said records or accounts for the purpose of testing the accuracy of any return or of informing himself as to the particulars regarding which information is required for the purposes of this Act or any rules made thereunder.

(3) Where any officer other than the Collector proposes to examine under sub-section (2) any record or account containing the description for formulæ of any trade process, the owner of the mill may give to the said officer, for transmission to the Collector, a written notice of objection and the officer shall thereupon seal up the record or account pending the orders of the Collector.

**11.** (1) All such copies and extracts and all information acquired by a Collector or any other officer from an inspection of any mill or warehouse or from any return submitted under this Act shall be treated as confidential. Information acquired to be confidential.

(2) If the Collector or any such officer discloses to any person other than a superior officer any such information as aforesaid without the previous sanction of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], he shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months and shall also be liable to fine:

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to the disclosure of any such information for the purposes of a prosecution in respect of the making of a false return under this Act.

**12.** (1) On the last day of each month, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, the proceeds of the cess recovered during that month shall, after deduction of the expenses, if any, of collection and recovery, be paid to the Committee. Application of proceeds of cess.

(2) Subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, the said proceeds and any other monies received by the Committee shall be applied to meeting the expenses of the Committee and the cost of such measures as it may, with the previous approval of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], decide to undertake for promoting agricultural and technological research in the interests of the cotton industry in India.

**12A.** As soon as may be after the first day of April, 1937, the Committee shall pay to the Government of Burma, for the promotion of agricultural and technological research in the interests of the cotton industry in Burma, the sum of rupees forty-two thousand and sixty-six.] Payment to Government of Burma.

**13.** No act done or proceeding taken under this Act shall be questioned on the ground merely of the existence of any vacancy in or any validation.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

defect in the constitution of the Committee or the Standing Finance Sub-Committee, if any.

Dissolution  
of Commit-  
tee.

**14.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], declare that, with effect from such date as may be specified in the notification, the Committee shall be dissolved, and on the making of such declaration all funds and other property vested in the Committee shall vest in His Majesty <sup>3</sup>[for the purposes of the Central Government] and this Act shall be deemed to have been repealed.

Power of the  
Central  
Government  
to make  
rules.

**15. (1)** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may make rules<sup>4</sup> for the purpose of carrying into effect all or any of the provisions of this Act.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) for prescribing the time within which nominations shall be made under section 4 whether in the first instance or on the occurrence of vacancies;
- (b) for prescribing the term of office of the members of the Committee;
- (c) for prescribing the circumstances in which and the authority by which any member may be removed;
- (d) for the holding of a minimum number of meetings of the Committee during any year;
- (e) for the maintenance by the Committee of a record of all business transacted and the submission of copies of such records to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government];
- (f) for the definition of the powers of the Committee and of the Secretary to enter into contracts which shall be binding on the Committee, and the manner in which such contracts shall be executed;
- (g) for the regulation of the travelling allowances of members of the Committee and of their remuneration, if any;
- (h) for the definition of the powers of the Committee and the Secretary in respect of the appointment, promotion and dismissal of officers and servants of the Committee, and in respect of the creation and abolition of appointments of such officers or servants;
- (i) for the regulation of the grant of pay and leave to officers and servants of the Committee, and the payment of leave allowances to such officers and servants, and the remuneration to be paid to any person appointed to act for any officer or servant to whom leave is granted;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>4</sup> For such rules, see Gen. R. and O., Vol. V, p. 319.

- (j) for the regulation of the payment of pensions, gratuities, compassionate allowances and travelling allowances to officers and servants of the Committee;
- (k) for prescribing the establishment and maintenance of a provident fund for the officers and servants of the Committee, and for the deduction of subscriptions to such provident fund from the pay and allowances of such officers and servants, other than Government servants whose services have been lent or transferred to the Committee;
- (l) for prescribing the preparation of budget estimates of the annual receipts and expenditure of the Committee and of supplementary estimates of expenditure not included in the budget estimates, and the manner in which such estimates shall be sanctioned and published;
- (m) for defining the powers of the Committee, the Standing Finance Sub-Committee, if any, the President and the Secretary, respectively, in regard to the expenditure of the funds of the Committee, whether provision has or has not been made in the budget estimates or by reappropriation for such expenditure, and in regard to the reappropriation of estimated savings in the budget estimates of expenditure;
- (n) for prescribing the maintenance of accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Committee and providing for the audit of such accounts;
- (o) for prescribing the manner in which payments are to be made by or on behalf of the Committee, and the officers by whom orders for making deposits or investments or for withdrawals or disposal of the funds of the Committee shall be signed;
- (p) for determining the custody in which the current account of the Committee shall be kept, and the bank or banks at which surplus monies at the credit of the Committee may be deposited at interest, and the conditions on which such monies may be otherwise invested;
- (q) for prescribing the preparation of a statement showing the sums allotted to Provincial Departments of Agriculture or institutions not under the direct control of the Committee for expenditure on research, the actual expenditure incurred, the outstanding liabilities, if any, and the disposal of unexpended balances at the end of the year;
- (r) the assessment, levy, and payment of the cotton cess in respect of cotton exported by sea <sup>1</sup>[or by land]; and
- (s) any other matter which is to be or may be prescribed.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Cotton Cess (Amendment) Act, 1924 (1 of 1924), s. 5.

Power of the  
Committee  
to make  
rules.

**16.** The Committee may, with the previous sanction of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], make rules<sup>2</sup> consistent with this Act and with any rules made under section 15 to provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) for the appointment of a Standing Finance Sub-Committee and the delegation thereto of any powers exercisable under this Act by the Committee;
- (b) for prescribing the method of appointment, removal and replacement and the term of office of members of the Standing Finance Sub-Committee, and for the filling of vacancies therein;
- (c) for the appointment of the dates, times and places for meetings of the Committee and the Standing Finance Sub-Committee, and for regulating the procedure to be observed at such meetings;
- (d) for determining the circumstances in which security may be demanded from officers and servants of the Committee, and the amount and nature of such security in each case;
- (e) for determining the times at which, and the circumstances in which, payments may be made out of the provident fund and the conditions on which such payments shall relieve the fund from further liability;
- (f) for determining the contribution, if any, payable from the funds of the Committee to the provident fund;
- (g) for regulating generally all matters incidental to the provident fund and the investment thereof;
- (h) for defining the powers and duties of the Secretary of the Committee.

Publication  
of rules.

**17.** All rules made under section 15 or section 16 shall be published in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette] and, on such publication, shall have effect as if enacted in this Act.

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ACT NO. XIX OF 1923.<sup>1</sup>

[2nd April, 1923.]

## An Act to consolidate and amend the law in British India relating to official secrets.

WHEREAS the law in British India relating to official secrets is at present contained in two Acts of the Governor General in Council, namely, the Indian Official Secrets Act, 1899, and the Indian Official Secrets (Amendment) Act, 1904, and one Statute of Parliament, namely, the Official Secrets Act, 1911; and

WHEREAS the Official Secrets Act, 1911, has been amended by the Official Secrets Act, 1920, which Statute applies to the United Kingdom and to certain British possessions, but not to British India; and

WHEREAS it is expedient that the law relating to official secrets in British India should be consolidated and amended;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Official Secrets Act, 1923.
- (2) It extends<sup>2</sup> to the whole of British India, and applies also—
  - (a) to all subjects of His Majesty and servants of the Crown within<sup>3</sup> [any Indian State]; and

Short title,  
extent and  
application.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 210; and for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1923, Pt. V, p. 61.

<sup>2</sup> The Act has been extended to British Baluchistan by Chief Commissioner's Notification No. 227-J., dated 15th May 1923, see p. 244 of Baluchistan Local Rules and Orders.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the dominions of Princes and States in India in alliance with His Majesty".

(b) to all Indian subjects of His Majesty without and beyond British India.

**Definitions.** 2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(1) any reference to a place belonging to His Majesty includes a place occupied by any department of the Government, whether the place is or is not actually vested in His Majesty;

<sup>1</sup>[(1A) references to a department of the Government include the departments of any Government in British India and any department of the Crown Representative, and include also the Federal Railway Authority;]

(2) expressions referring to communicating or receiving include any communicating or receiving, whether in whole or in part, and whether the sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, or information itself or the substance, effect or description thereof only be communicated or received; expressions referring to obtaining or retaining any sketch, plan, model, article, note or document, include the copying or causing to be copied of the whole or any part of any sketch, plan, model, article, note, or document; and expressions referring to the communication of any sketch, plan, model, article, note or document include the transfer or transmission of the sketch, plan, model, article, note or document;

(3) "document" includes part of a document;

(4) "model" includes design, pattern and specimen;

(5) "munitions of war" includes the whole or any part of any ship, submarine, aircraft, tank or similar engine, arms and ammunition, torpedo, or mine intended or adopted for use in war, and any other article, material, or device, whether actual or proposed, intended for such use;

(6) "Office under His Majesty" includes any office or employment in or under any department of the Government or of the Government of the United Kingdom or of any British possession;

(7) "photograph" includes an undeveloped film or plate;

(8) "prohibited place" means—

(a) any work of defence, arsenal, naval, military or air force establishment or station, mine, minefield, camp, ship or aircraft belonging to, or occupied by or on behalf of, His Majesty, any military telegraph or telephone so belonging or occupied, any wireless or signal station or office so belonging or occupied and any factory, dock-

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<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

yard or other place so belonging or occupied and used for the purpose of building, repairing, making or storing any munitions of war, or any sketches, plans, models or documents relating thereto, or for the purpose of getting any metals, oil or minerals of use in time of war;

- (b) any place not belonging to His Majesty where any munitions of war or any sketches, models, plans or documents relating thereto, are being made, repaired, gotten or stored under contract with, or with any person on behalf of, His Majesty, or otherwise on behalf of His Majesty;
- (c) any place belonging to or used for the purpose of His Majesty which is for the time being declared by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], to be a prohibited place for the purposes of this Act on the ground that information with respect thereto, or damage thereto, would be useful to an enemy, and to which a copy of the notification in respect thereof has been affixed in English and in the vernacular of the locality;
- (d) any railway, road, way or channel, or other means of communication by land or water (including any works or structures being part thereof or connected therewith) or any place used for gas, water or electricity works or other works for purposes of a public character, or any place where any munitions of war or any sketches, models, plans, or documents relating thereto, are being made, repaired or stored otherwise than on behalf of His Majesty, which is for the time being declared by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], to be a prohibited place for the purposes of this Act on the ground that information with respect thereto, or the destruction or obstruction thereof, or interference therewith, would be useful to an enemy, and to which a copy of the notification in respect thereof has been affixed in English and in the vernacular of the locality;
- (9) "sketch" includes any photograph or other mode of representing any place or thing; and
- (10) "Superintendent of Police" includes any police officer of a like or superior rank, and any person upon whom the powers of a Superintendent of Police are for the purposes of this Act conferred by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] \*\*\* \* \* .

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

\* The words "or by any L. G." rep. by the A. O.

Penalties for  
spying.

**3. (1)** If any person for any purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State—

- (a) approaches, inspects, passes over or is in the vicinity of, or enters, any prohibited place; or
- (b) makes any sketch, plan, model, or note which is calculated to be or might be or is intended to be, directly or indirectly, useful to an enemy; or
- (c) obtains, collects, records or publishes or communicates to any other person any secret official code or pass word, or any sketch, plan, model, article or note or other document or information which is calculated to be or might be or is intended to be, directly or indirectly, useful to an enemy;

he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend, where the offence is committed in relation to any work of defence, arsenal, naval, military or air force establishment or station, mine, minefield, factory, dockyard, camp, ship or aircraft or otherwise in relation to the naval, military or air force affairs of His Majesty or in relation to any secret official code, to fourteen years and in other cases to three years.

**(2)** On a prosecution for an offence punishable under this section with imprisonment for a term which may extend to fourteen years, it shall not be necessary to show that the accused person was guilty of any particular act tending to show a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State, and, notwithstanding that no such act is proved against him, he may be convicted if, from the circumstances of the case or his conduct or his known character as proved, it appears that his purpose was a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State; and if any sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, or information relating to or used in any prohibited place, or relating to anything in such a place, or any secret official code or pass word is made, obtained, collected, recorded, published or communicated by any person other than a person acting under lawful authority, and from the circumstances of the case or his conduct or his known character as proved it appears that his purpose was a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State, such sketch, plan, model, article, note, document or information shall be presumed to have been made, obtained, collected, recorded, published or communicated for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State.

Communications with foreign agents to be evidence of commission of certain offences.

**4. (1)** In any proceedings against a person for an offence under section 3, the fact that he has been in communication with, or attempted to communicate with, a foreign agent, whether within or without British India, shall be relevant for the purpose of proving that he has, for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State, obtained or attempted to obtain information which is calculated to be or might be, or is intended to be, directly or indirectly, useful to an enemy.

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(2) For the purpose of this section, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision,—

(a) a person may be presumed to have been in communication with a foreign agent if—

(i) he has, either within or without British India, visited the address of a foreign agent or consorted or associated with a foreign agent, or

(ii) either within or without British India, the name or address of, or any other information regarding, a foreign agent has been found in his possession, or has been obtained by him from any other person;

(b) the expression “foreign agent” includes any person who is or has been or in respect of whom it appears that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting him of being or having been employed by a foreign power, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of committing an act, either within or without British India, prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State, or who has or is reasonably suspected of having, either within or without British India, committed, or attempted to commit, such an act in the interests of a foreign power;

(c) any address, whether within or without British India, in respect of which it appears that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting it of being an address used for the receipt of communications intended for a foreign agent, or any address at which a foreign agent resides, or to which he resorts for the purpose of giving or receiving communications, or at which he carries on any business, may be presumed to be the address of a foreign agent, and communications addressed to such an address to be communications with a foreign agent.

5. (1) If any person having in his possession or control any secret official code or pass word or any sketch, plan, model, article, note, document or information which relates to or is used in a prohibited place or relates to anything in such a place, or which has been made or obtained in contravention of this Act, or which has been entrusted in confidence to him by any person holding office under His Majesty, or which he has obtained or to which he has had access owing to his position as a person who holds or has held office under His Majesty, or as a person who holds or has held a contract made on behalf of His Majesty, or as a person who is or has been employed under a person who holds or has held such an office or contract—

(a) wilfully communicates the code or pass word, sketch, plan, model, article, note, document or information to any person

other than a person to whom he is authorised to communicate it, or a Court of Justice or a person to whom it is, in the interests of the State, his duty to communicate it; or

- (b) uses the information in his possession for the benefit of any foreign power or in any other manner prejudicial to the safety of the State; or
- (c) retains the sketch, plan, model, article, note or document in his possession or control when he has no right to retain it, or when it is contrary to his duty to retain it, or wilfully fails to comply with all directions issued by lawful authority with regard to the return or disposal thereof; or
- (d) fails to take reasonable care of, or so conducts himself as to endanger the safety of, the sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, secret official code or pass word or information;

he shall be guilty of an offence under this section.

(2) If any person voluntarily receives any secret official code or pass word or any sketch, plan, model, article, note, document or information knowing or having reasonable ground to believe, at the time when he receives it, that the code, pass word, sketch, plan, model, article, note, document or information is communicated in contravention of this Act, he shall be guilty of an offence under this section.

(3) If any person having in his possession or control any sketch, plan, model, article, note, document or information, which relates to munitions of war, communicates it, directly or indirectly, to any foreign power or in any other manner prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State, he shall be guilty of an offence under this section.

(4) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

6. (1) If any person for the purpose of gaining admission or of assisting any other person to gain admission to a prohibited place or for any other purpose prejudicial to the safety of the State—

- (a) uses or wears, without lawful authority, any naval, military, air force, police or other official uniform, or any uniform so nearly resembling the same as to be calculated to deceive, or falsely represents himself to be a person who is or has been entitled to use or wear any such uniform; or
- (b) orally, or in writing in any declaration or application, or in any document signed by him or on his behalf, knowingly makes or connives at the making of any false statement or any omission; or

- (c) forges, alters, or tampers with any passport or any naval, military, air force, police, or official pass, permit, certificate, licence, or other document of a similar character (hereinafter in this section referred to as an official document) or knowingly uses or has in his possession any such forged, altered, or irregular official document; or
- (d) personates, or falsely represents himself to be, a person holding, or in the employment of a person holding, office under His Majesty, or to be or not to be a person to whom an official document or secret official code or pass word has been duly issued or communicated, or with intent to obtain an official document, secret official code or pass word, whether for himself or any other person, knowingly makes any false statement; or
- (e) uses, or has in his possession or under his control, without the authority of the department of the Government or the authority concerned, any die, seal or stamp of or belonging to, or used, made or provided by, any department of the Government, or by any diplomatic, naval, military or air force authority appointed by or acting under the authority of His Majesty, or any die, seal or stamp so nearly resembling any such die, seal or stamp as to be calculated to deceive, or counterfeits any such die, seal or stamp, or knowingly uses, or has in his possession or under his control, any such counterfeited die, seal or stamp;

he shall be guilty of an offence under this section.

(2) If any person for any purpose prejudicial to the safety of the State—

- (a) retains any official document, whether or not completed or issued for use, when he has no right to retain it, or when it is contrary to his duty to retain it, or wilfully fails to comply with any directions issued by any department of the Government or any person authorised by such department with regard to the return or disposal thereof; or
- (b) allows any other person to have possession of any official document issued for his use alone, or communicates any secret official code or pass word so issued, or, without lawful authority or excuse, has in his possession any official document or secret official code or pass word issued for the use of some person other than himself, or, on obtaining possession of any official document by finding or otherwise, wilfully fails to restore it to the person or authority by whom or for whose use it was issued, or to a police officer; or

(c) without lawful authority or excuse, manufactures or sells, or has in his possession for sale, any such die, seal or stamp as aforesaid;

he shall be guilty of an offence under this section.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

(4) The provisions of sub-section (2) of section 3 shall apply, for the purpose of proving a purpose prejudicial to the safety of the State, to any prosecution for an offence under this section relating to the naval, military or air force affairs of His Majesty, or to any secret official code in like manner as they apply, for the purpose of proving a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State, to prosecutions for offences punishable under that section with imprisonment for a term which may extend to fourteen years.

**Interfering with officers of the police or members of His Majesty's forces.**

7. (1) No person in the vicinity of any prohibited place shall obstruct, knowingly mislead or otherwise interfere with or impede, any police officer, or any member of His Majesty's forces engaged on guard, sentry, patrol, or other similar duty in relation to the prohibited place.

(2) If any person acts in contravention of the provisions of this section, he shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

**Duty of giving information as to commission of offences.**

8. (1) It shall be the duty of every person to give on demand to a Superintendent of Police, or other police officer not below the rank of Inspector, empowered by an Inspector-General or Commissioner of Police in this behalf, or to any member of His Majesty's forces engaged on guard, sentry, patrol or other similar duty, any information in his power relating to an offence or suspected offence under section 3 or under section 3 read with section 9 and, if so required, and upon tender of his reasonable expenses, to attend at such reasonable time and place as may be specified for the purpose of furnishing such information.

(2) If any person fails to give any such information or to attend as aforesaid, he shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

**Attempts, incitements, etc.**

9. Any person who attempts to commit or abets the commission of an offence under this Act shall be punishable with the same punishment, and be liable to be proceeded against in the same manner as if he had committed such offence.

**Penalty for harbouring spies.**

10. (1) If any person knowingly harbours any person whom he knows or has reasonable grounds for supposing to be a person who is about to commit or who has committed an offence under section 3 or under section 3 read with section 9 or knowingly permits to meet or assemble in any premises in his occupation or under his control any such persons, he shall be guilty of an offence under this section.

(2) It shall be the duty of every person having harboured any such person as aforesaid or permitted to meet or assemble in any premises in his occupation or under his control any such persons as aforesaid, to give on demand to a Superintendent of Police or other police officer not below the rank of Inspector empowered by an Inspector-General or Commissioner of Police in this behalf, any information in his power relating to any such person or persons, and if any person fails to give any such information, he shall be guilty of an offence under this section.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.

**11. (1)** If a Presidency Magistrate, Magistrate of the first class or Search warrants. Sub-divisional Magistrate is satisfied by information on oath that there is reasonable ground for suspecting that an offence under this Act has been or is about to be committed, he may grant a search-warrant authorising any police officer named therein, not being below the rank of an officer in charge of a police station, to enter at any time any premises or place named in the warrant, if necessary, by force, and to search the premises or place and every person found therein, and to seize any sketch, plan, model, article, note or document, or anything of a like nature, or anything which is evidence of an offence under this Act having been or being about to be committed which he may find on the premises or place or any such person, and with regard to or in connection with which he has reasonable ground for suspecting that an offence under this Act has been or is about to be committed.

(2) Where it appears to a police officer, not being below the rank of Superintendent, that the case is one of great emergency, and that in the interests of the State immediate action is necessary, he may by a written order under his hand give to any police officer the like authority as may be given by the warrant of a Magistrate under this section.

(3) Where action has been taken by a police officer under sub-section (2) he shall, as soon as may be, report such action, in a Presidency town to the Chief Presidency Magistrate, and outside such town to the District or Sub-divisional Magistrate.

**12.** Notwithstanding anything in the Code of Criminal Procedure, Power to arrest.   
V of 1898. 1898.—

(a) an offence punishable under section 3 or under section 3 read with section 9 with imprisonment for a term which may extend to fourteen years shall be a cognizable and non-bailable offence;

(b) an offence under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 6 shall be a cognizable and bailable offence; and

(c) every other offence under this Act shall be a non-cognizable and bailable offence, in respect of which a warrant of arrest shall ordinarily issue in the first instance.

**Restriction  
on trial of  
offences.**

**13.** (1) No Court (other than that of a Magistrate of the first class specially empowered in this behalf by the <sup>1</sup>[appropriate Government]) which is inferior to that of a District or Presidency Magistrate shall try any offence under this Act.

(2) If any person under trial before a Magistrate for an offence under this Act at any time before a charge is framed claims to be tried by the Court of Session, the Magistrate shall, if he does not discharge the accused, commit the case for trial by that Court, notwithstanding that it is not a case exclusively triable by that Court.

(3) No Court shall take cognizance of any offence under this Act unless upon complaint made by order of, or under authority from, the <sup>2</sup>[appropriate Government] <sup>3\*</sup> \* \* or some officer empowered by the <sup>2</sup>[appropriate Government] in this behalf:

Provided that a person charged with such an offence may be arrested, or a warrant for his arrest may be issued and executed, and any such person may be remanded in custody or on bail, notwithstanding that such complaint has not been made, but no further or other proceedings shall be taken until such complaint has been made.

(4) For the purposes of the trial of a person for an offence under this Act, the offence may be deemed to have been committed either at the place in which the same actually was committed or at any place in British India in which the offender may be found.

<sup>4</sup>[(5) In this section, the appropriate Government means—

(a) in relation to any offences under section 5 not connected with a prohibited place or with a foreign power, the Provincial Government; and

(b) in relation to any other offence, the Central Government.]

**Exclusion of  
public from  
proceedings.**

**14.** In addition and without prejudice to any powers which a Court may possess to order the exclusion of the public from any proceedings if, in the course of proceedings before a Court against any person for an offence under this Act or the proceedings on appeal, or in the course of the trial of a person under this Act, application is made by the prosecution, on the ground that the publication of any evidence to be given or of any statement to be made in the course of the proceedings would be prejudicial to the safety of the State, that all or any portion of the public shall be excluded during any part of the hearing, the Court may make an order to that effect, but the passing of sentence shall in any case take place in public.

**Offences by  
companies,  
etc.**

**15.** Where the person guilty of an offence under this Act is a company or corporation, every director and officer of the company or

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> The words "the L. G." rep. by the A. O.

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

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16. [Repeals.] *Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927), s. 2 and Sch.*

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Act No. XXI OF 1923.<sup>1</sup>

[2nd April, 1923.]

An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to Merchant Shipping.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate certain enactments relating to Merchant Shipping; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

## PART I.

## INTRODUCTORY.

Short title  
and com-  
mencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 166.

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(2) It shall come into force on such date<sup>1</sup> as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint.

<sup>4</sup>[2. (1)] In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the Definitions subject or context,—

- (1) “ effects ” includes clothes and documents;
- (2) “ foreign-going ship ” means a ship, not being a home-trade ship, employed in trading between any port in British India and any other port or place;
- (3) “ home-trade ship ” means a ship employed in trading between any ports in British India or between any port in British India and any port or place on the continent of India <sup>5</sup>[or in Burma] or in the Straits Settlements, or in the Island of Ceylon;
- (4) “ master ” includes every person (except a pilot or harbour master) having command or charge of a ship;
- (5) “ Merchant Shipping Acts ” means the Merchant Shipping Acts, <sup>6</sup>[1894—1932];
- (6) “ passenger ” includes any person carried in a ship other than the master and crew and the owner, his family and servants <sup>7</sup>[but does not include any persons on board the ship either in pursuance of the obligation laid upon the master to carry ship-wrecked, distressed or other persons, or by reason of any circumstance which neither the master nor the owner could have prevented or forestalled];
- [(6A) “ passenger steamer ” means a steamship carrying more than twelve passengers;]
- (7) “ prescribed ” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- (8) “ seaman ” means every person (except masters, pilots and apprentices duly indentured and registered) employed or engaged in any capacity on board any ship;
- (9) “ steam-ship ” means every description of vessel used in navigation and propelled wholly or in part by the agency of steam; and
- (10) “ wages ” includes emoluments.

<sup>1</sup> This Act was brought into force from 1st May, 1923, vide Notification No. 2325, dated the 28th April, 1923, Gen. R. and O., Vol. V, p. 439.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “ G. G. in C.”

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “ Gazette of India ”.

<sup>4</sup> S. 2 may be deemed to have been re-numbered as sub-section (1) of s. 2 by the A. O. which has added a new sub-section (2) to that section.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 2, for “ 1894—1921 ”.

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by s. 2, *ibid*.

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<sup>1</sup>[<sup>2</sup>(2) As from the commencement<sup>3</sup> of Part III of the Government of India Act, 1935, a British ship registered, whether before or after that date, in Burma or Aden shall not be deemed for the purposes of any enactment relating to British ships registered in British India to be such a ship so registered.]

Application of Act to ships propelled by electricity or mechanical power.  
Exemption of public ships.

3. The provisions of this Act applying to steamships shall apply to ships propelled by electricity or other mechanical power, with such modifications as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette] direct for the purpose of adaptation.

4. This Act shall not, except where specially provided, apply to ships belonging to His Majesty <sup>5\*</sup> \* \* \* or to ships belonging to any foreign Prince or State and employed otherwise than for profit in the public service of that foreign Prince or State.

<sup>6</sup>4A. [Power of the Governor General in Council to delegate his Powers to Local Governments.] Rep. by the A. O.

## PART II.

### MASTERS AND SEAMEN.

Application.

5. (1) The provisions of this Part relating to the requirement of masters and mates to hold certificates of competency shall not apply to ships registered under the Indian Registration of Ships Act, 1841, and X of 1841, trading between ports in India and the coast of Arabia, when such ships are navigated and manned exclusively by Arabs, lascars or other Asiatic masters and seamen.

(2) Save as hereinbefore provided in this section, this Part shall, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, apply to British ships and to the owners, masters and crews thereof as follows:—

(a) The provisions relating to licences to supply seamen, engagement of the crew, agreements with lascars, discharge of seamen, payment of wages, advance and allotment of wages, mode of recovering wages, and recovery of expenses of relief of distressed seamen, shall apply to every sea-going ship in British India.

<sup>7</sup>[(aa) The provisions relating to the employment of young persons shall apply to ships registered in British India and

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

<sup>2</sup> I.e., the 1st April 1937.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>5</sup> The words "or the Govt." rep. by the A. O.

<sup>6</sup> S. 4A was ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 7.

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1931 (9 of 1931), s. 2.

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to foreign ships in the manner prescribed in the said provisions.]

- (b) The provisions relating to the property of diseased seamen and apprentices shall apply to every sea-going ship, not being a ship registered in the United Kingdom or a ship employed in trading or going from or to any port in the United Kingdom, where the crew are discharged or the final port of destination of the ship is in British India.
- (c) The provisions relating to the rights of seamen, in respect of wages, to the return of distressed seamen, to the provisions and health of seamen, to the power of seamen to make complaints, to the protection of seamen from imposition and to discipline shall apply to sea-going ships registered in British India, while such ships are in British India.
- (d) The provisions relating to official logs shall apply to sea-going ships registered in British India, and to any sea-going ship, not being a ship registered in the United Kingdom, employed in trading or going between any port in British India and any port not situated in the part of His Majesty's dominions in which the ship is registered other than in the United Kingdom.

(3) The provisions of this Part, in so far as they are adaptations of the provisions of Part II of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894,<sup>1</sup> and are not local in their application, have, by virtue of section 264 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, effect throughout His Majesty's dominions and in all places where His Majesty has jurisdiction, as well as in British India.

*Shipping Offices.*

**6. (1)** Shipping offices shall be maintained at every port in British India where there is a shipping office at the commencement of this Act, and may be established and maintained at such other ports as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may deem necessary.

(2) For every such office there shall be a shipping-master with such deputy shipping-masters, clerks and servants (if any) as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may consider necessary.

<sup>1</sup> Coll. Stat. Ind., Vol. II.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C.". The words "the G. G. in C." had been subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

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(3) Shipping-masters and deputy shipping-masters shall be appointed by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], and shall <sup>2\*</sup> be subject to <sup>3</sup>[<sup>4</sup>[its] control or to the control] of any intermediate authority which <sup>5</sup>[it] may appoint.

(4) Every act done by or before a deputy shipping-master shall have the same effect as if done by or before a shipping-master.

Power to direct that business of shipping office be transacted at custom house office or elsewhere.

7. (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may direct that at any port at which no separate shipping office is established, the whole or any part of the business of the shipping office shall be conducted at the custom house, or at the office of the port officer, or at such other office as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall direct, and, thereupon the same shall be conducted accordingly.

(2) In respect of such business such custom house or office as aforesaid shall for all purposes be deemed to be a shipping office, and the officer to whom such business is committed shall for all purposes be deemed to be a shipping-master within the meaning of this Act.

Business of shipping-masters.

8. It shall be the general business of shipping-masters—

(i) to superintend and facilitate the engagement and discharge of seamen in manner in this Act provided;

(ii) to provide means for securing the presence on board at the proper times of the seamen who are so engaged;

(iii) to give to all persons desirous of apprenticing boys to the sea service and duly authorised so to do by the Apprentices Act, 1850, and also to owners and masters of British ships requiring apprentices, such assistance as may be in <sup>XIX</sup> of 1850. their power for facilitating the making of such apprenticeships;

(iv) to perform such other duties relating to seamen, apprentices and merchant ships as are for the time being committed to them by or under this Act or the Merchant Shipping Acts.

Fees to be paid.

9. (1) Such fees, not exceeding the sum specified in Table A in Schedule I, as may be fixed by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall be payable upon all engagements and discharges effected before shipping-masters.

(2) Scales of the fees payable for the time being shall be conspicuously placed in the shipping office, and all shipping-masters, their deputies, clerks and servants may refuse to proceed with any engagement unless the fees payable thereon are first paid.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C.", had been subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>2</sup> The word "respectively" rep. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*, for "the control of that Government or".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "his".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which had been subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

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(3) Every owner or master of a ship engaging or discharging any seaman in a shipping office or before a shipping-master, shall pay to the shipping-master the whole of the fees hereby made payable in respect of such engagement or discharge, and may, for the purpose of in part reimbursing himself, deduct in respect of each such engagement or discharge from the wages of all persons (except apprentices) so engaged or discharged, and retain any sums not exceeding the sums specified in that behalf in Table B, in Schedule I:

Provided that, if in any cases the sums which the owner is so entitled to deduct, exceed the amount of the fee payable by him, such excess shall be paid by him to the shipping-master in addition to such fee.

(4) For the purpose of determining the fees to be paid upon the engagement and discharge of seamen belonging to foreign-going ships which have running agreements as hereinafter provided, the crew shall be considered to be engaged when the agreement is first signed, and to be discharged when the agreement finally terminates; and all intermediate engagements and discharges shall be considered to be engagements and discharges of single seamen.

**10.** If a shipping-master, deputy shipping-master, clerk or servant in a shipping office demands or receives, other than the fees authorised under this Act, any remuneration whatever, either directly or indirectly, for hiring or supplying any seaman for a ship or transacting any business which it is his duty to transact, he shall be liable for every such offence to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, and shall also be dismissed from his office.

Prohibition  
on taking  
other re-  
muneration  
at shipping  
office.

*Certificates of Competency.*

**11. (1)** Every British foreign-going ship and every British home-trade ship of three hundred tons or upwards when going to sea from any place in British India shall be provided with officers duly certificated under this Act according to the following scale, namely:—

Certificates  
of compet-  
ency to be  
held by  
officers of  
foreign-  
going and  
home-trade  
ships and  
foreign  
passenger  
ships.

(a) in any case, with a duly certificated master;

(b) if the ship is of three hundred tons or upwards, with at least one officer besides the master holding a certificate not lower than that of a mate.

(2) Every British foreign-going steam-ship when going to sea from any place in British India shall be provided with engineers duly certificated under this Act according to the following scale, namely:—

(a) if the ship is of one hundred nominal horse-power or upwards, with at least two engineers, one of whom shall be a first class and the other a first class or second class engineer duly certificated;

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- (b) if the ship is of less than one hundred nominal horse-power, with at least one engineer who is a first class or second class engineer duly certificated.
- (3) Every British home-trade steam-ship when going to sea from any place in British India and every foreign steam-ship carrying passengers, between places in British India shall be provided with engineers duly certificated according to the following scale, namely:—
- (a) if the ship is of fifty nominal horse-power or upwards, with at least one engineer who is a first class or second class engineer duly certificated;
  - (b) if the ship is of less than fifty nominal horse-power, with at least one engineer who is a first class or second class engineer, or an engine driver duly certificated.
- (4) Nothing in this section which relates to engineers or engine drivers shall apply to any steam-ship to which the provisions of the Inland Steam-vessels Act, 1917,

I of 1917.

When officer  
deemed duly  
certificated.

- 12.** An officer shall not be deemed to be duly certificated under this Act, unless he holds a certificate of a grade appropriate to his station in the ship or of a higher grade,

- (a) granted in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Acts or any Act repealed thereby or this Act or any Act repealed hereby; or
- (b) issued by a competent authority in any British possession, the certificates of which have been declared by Order in Council made under section 102 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, to have the same force as if they were granted <sup>57 & 58</sup> Viet., c. 60.

Penalty for  
serving, etc.,  
as a master,  
mate or  
engineer  
without a  
certificate.

- 13.** Any person who,—

- (a) having been engaged as one of the officers mentioned in section 11, goes to sea as such officer without being duly certificated, or
- (b) employs a person as an officer in contravention of section 11, without ascertaining that the person so serving is duly certificated,

shall be liable for each such offence to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

Grades of  
certificates  
of com-  
petency.

- 14. (1)** Certificates of competency shall be granted in accordance with this Act for each of the following grades, namely:—

- Master of foreign-going ship.
- First mate of foreign-going ship.
- Second mate of foreign-going ship.
- Master of a home-trade ship.
- Mate of a home-trade ship.

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First class engineer.

Second class engineer.

Engine driver.

(2) A certificate of competency for a foreign-going ship shall be deemed to be of a higher grade than the corresponding certificate for a home-trade ship, and shall entitle the lawful holder thereof to go to sea in the corresponding grade in such last-mentioned ship; but no certificate for a home-trade ship shall entitle the holder to go to sea as master or mate of a foreign-going ship.

**15.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or a person duly authorised by the <sup>Examina-</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf shall appoint persons for the <sup>tions for</sup>  
purpose of examining the qualifications of persons desirous of obtaining <sup>certificates.</sup> certificates of competency under this Act.

**16.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or such authorised person shall Grant of  
deliver to every applicant, who is duly reported by the examiners to certificates  
have passed the examination satisfactorily and to have given satisfactory on passing  
evidence of his sobriety, experience and ability and general good conduct examinations.  
on board ship, such a certificate of competency as the case requires:

Provided that the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, in any case in which  
<sup>2</sup>[it] has reason to believe that the report has been unduly made, require,  
before granting a certificate, a re-examination of the applicant or a  
further inquiry into his testimonials and character.

**17. (7)** A person who has attained the rank of Lieutenant in His Certificates  
Majesty's Navy or in the <sup>3</sup>[Royal Indian Navy] shall be entitled to a of service of  
certificate of service as the master of a foreign-going ship without Naval  
examination. Officers.

(2) A person who has attained the rank of engineer or assistant  
engineer in His Majesty's Navy or the <sup>3</sup>[Royal Indian Navy], shall be  
entitled without examination, if an engineer, to a certificate of service  
as first class engineer, and, if an assistant engineer, to a certificate of  
service as second class engineer.

(3) A certificate of service shall differ in form from a certificate of  
competency, and shall contain the name and rank of the person to whom  
it is delivered, and the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall deliver a certificate  
of service to any person who proves himself to be entitled thereto.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." had  
been subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928),  
s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which had been subs. by Act 6 of  
1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Royal Indian Marine".

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(4) The provisions of this Act (including the penal provisions) shall apply in the case of a certificate of service as they apply in the case of a certificate of competency.

Form of certificates.

**18.** Every certificate of competency granted under this Act shall be in the prescribed form and shall be made in duplicate, and one copy shall be delivered to the person entitled to the certificate, and the other shall be kept by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] and recorded in the prescribed manner.

Record of orders affecting certificates.

**19.** A note of all orders made for suspending, cancelling, altering or otherwise affecting any certificate of competency, in pursuance of the powers contained in this Act, shall be entered on the copy of the certificate kept by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

Loss of certificate.

**20.** Whenever a master, mate, engineer or engine driver proves to the satisfaction of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* \* that he has, without fault on his part, lost or been deprived of a certificate already granted to him <sup>3</sup>[under this Act] the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall cause a copy of the certificate, to which by the record kept in accordance with this Act he appears to be entitled, to be granted to him, and such copy shall have all the effect of the original.

Power to make rules as to grant of certificates of competency.

**21.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] <sup>4\*</sup> \* \* \* may make rules to regulate the granting of certificates of competency under this Act, and may, by such rules,—

- (a) provide for the conduct of the examination of persons desirous of obtaining certificates of competency as masters, mates, engineers, or engine drivers;
- (b) prescribe the qualifications to be respectively required of persons desirous of obtaining certificates of competency as masters, first mates, second mates, first class engineers, second class engineers, or engine drivers;
- (c) fix the fees to be paid by applicants for examination; and
- (d) prescribe the form in which such certificates are to be framed and the manner in which the copy of the certificate to be kept by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] is to be recorded.

Production of certificates of competency to shipping master.

**22.** (1) The master of a foreign-going ship—

- (a) on signing the agreement with his crew shall produce to the shipping-master, before whom the same is signed, the

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<sup>2</sup> The words "by or under the authority of which his certificate was granted" were rep. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> The words "with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C." were rep. by s. 4 and Sch., *ibid.*

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certificates of competency which the master, mate and engineers of the ship are by this Act required to hold; and

(b) in the case of a running agreement shall, also, before the second and every subsequent voyage, produce to the shipping-master the certificate of competency of any mate or engineer then first engaged by him who is required by this Act to hold a certificate.

(2) The master or owner of every home-trade ship of more than three hundred tons burden shall produce to some shipping-master in British India, within twenty-one days after the thirtieth of June and the thirty-first of December in every year, or (if the ship is not at any port in British India within twenty-one days after either the thirtieth of June or the thirty-first day of December in any year) within forty-eight hours after her next arrival at any port in British India, the certificates of competency which the master, mates and engineers of the ship are by this Act required to hold.

(3) Upon the production of the certificates of competency, the shipping-master shall, if the certificates are such as the master, mates, and engineers of the ship ought to hold, give to the master a certificate to the effect that the proper certificates of competency have been so produced.

(4) The master shall, before proceeding to sea, produce the certificate given to him by the shipping-master to the Customs-collector, or, if there is no Customs-collector, to the officer whose duty it is to grant a port-clearance.

(5) No officer of Customs or other officer shall clear any such ship outwards without such production; and, if any ship attempts to go to sea without a clearance, any such officer may detain her until the certificate is produced.

*Apprenticeships to the Sea Service.*

23. (1) \* \* \* \* Any boy <sup>1</sup>[not under fourteen years of age] may be bound as an apprentice in the sea service to the owner of any ship registered in British India to be employed in any such ship, being the property of such person, the master of which is a British subject, and while so employed to be taught the craft and duty of a seaman, and the provisions of the <sup>3</sup>[Apprentices Act, 1850, shall, subject to the provisions of this Act], apply accordingly.

Application  
of Act XIX  
of 1850.

XIX of  
1850.

<sup>1</sup> The words "Subject to the provisions of the Apprentices Act, 1850," rep. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1931 (9 of 1931), s. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by s. 3, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 3, *ibid.*, for "said Act shall, save as hereinafter provided in this section".

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(2) The master of any ship in which any apprentice bound to the sea service shall be appointed to serve by the party to whom he is bound shall be deemed to be the Agent of such party for the purposes of the said Act.

(3) The duties of the Magistrate under that Act in respect of the contract of apprenticeship and of the endorsements thereon of any assignment, alteration or cancellation of the contract and of the certification of the offer of the continuation of the contract by the executors or administrators of a deceased master of the apprentice shall be performed by the shipping-master of the port where the apprentice is to begin his service.

*Licences to supply Seamen.*

## Licences to supply seamen.

**24.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or any person duly authorised by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf may grant to such persons as may be deemed fit licences to engage or supply seamen for merchant ships in British India.

(2) Any such licence shall continue for such period, and may be granted and revoked on such terms and conditions as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] thinks proper.

## Penalties for engaging seamen without licence.

**25.** (1) A person shall not engage or supply a seaman to be entered on board any ship in British India unless that person either holds a licence under this Act for the purpose, or is the owner or master or mate of the ship, or is *bond fide* the servant and in the constant employ of the owner, or is a shipping-master.

(2) A person shall not employ, for the purpose of engaging or supplying a seaman to be entered on board any ship in British India, any person unless that person either holds a licence under this Act for the purpose, or is the owner or master or mate of the ship, or is *bond fide* the servant and in the constant employment of the owner, or is a shipping-master.

(3) A person shall not receive or accept to be entered on board any ship any seaman if that person knows that the seaman has been engaged or supplied in contravention of this section.

(4) If a person acts in contravention of this section, he shall for each seaman in respect of whom an offence is committed be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees, and, if a licensed person, shall forfeit his licence.

## Penalty for receiving renumeration

**26.** (1) A person shall not demand or receive, either directly or indirectly, from any seaman, or from any person seeking employment

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as a seaman, or from any person on his behalf, any remuneration whatever for providing him with employment other than the fees authorised by this Act.

(2) If a person acts in contravention of this section, he shall for each such offence be liable to a fine of fifty rupees, and, if a licensed person, shall forfeit his licence.

*Engagement of Seamen.*

**27.** (1) The master of every British ship, except home-trade ships of a burden not exceeding three hundred tons, shall enter into an agreement (in this Act called the agreement with the crew) in accordance with this Act with every seaman whom he engages in, and carries to sea as one of his crew, from any port in British India.

(2) If a master of a ship carries any seaman to sea without entering into an agreement with him in accordance with this Act, the master shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

**28.** (1) An agreement with the crew shall be in a form sanctioned by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], and shall be dated at the time of the first signature thereof, and shall be signed by the master before any seaman signs the same.

(2) The agreement with the crew shall contain as terms thereof the following particulars, namely:—

- (a) either the nature and, as far as practicable, the duration of the intended voyage or engagement or the maximum period of the voyage or engagement, and the places or parts of the world, if any, to which the voyage or engagement is not to extend;
- (b) the number and description of the crew, specifying how many are engaged as sailors;
- (c) the time at which each seaman is to be on board or to begin work;
- (d) the capacity in which each seaman is to serve;
- (e) the amount of wages which each seaman is to receive;
- (f) a scale of the provisions which are to be furnished to each seaman, such scale being, in the case of lascars or other native seamen, not less than a scale to be fixed by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] <sup>3\*</sup> \* \* and published in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette];

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." had been subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>3</sup> The words "with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C." were rep. by s. 4 and Sch., *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words "Gazette of India" which had been subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 5 and Sch., for the words "local official Gazette".

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- (g) any regulations as to conduct on board and as to fines, short allowance of provisions or other lawful punishments for misconduct, which have been sanctioned by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] as regulations proper to be adopted, and which the parties agree to adopt; and
- (h) where it is agreed that the services of any lascar or other native seaman shall end at any port not in British India, a stipulation to provide him either fit employment on board some other ship bound to the port at which he was shipped or to such other port in British India as may be agreed on, or a passage to some port in British India free of charge or on such other terms as may be agreed upon, and in this provision the word "seaman" shall include also any native of British India carried to sea from any port in British India as one of the crew:

Provided that any such stipulation shall be signed by the owner of the ship or by the master on his behalf.

(3) The agreement with the crew shall be so framed as to admit of such stipulations to be adopted at the will of the master and seaman in each case (not being inconsistent with the provisions of any enactment for the time being in force relating to Merchant Shipping) as to advance of wages and supply of warm clothing, and may contain any other stipulations which are not contrary to law.

(4) If a master enters into an agreement with a lascar or other native seaman for a scale of provisions less than the scale fixed under this section, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

Engagement of single seaman where agreement is made out of British India.

**29.** If the master of a ship registered at a port outside British India has an agreement with the crew made in due form according to the law of that port or of the port in which her crew were engaged and engages a single seaman not being a lascar or other native seaman in any port in British India, the seaman may sign the agreement so made, and it shall not be necessary for him to sign an agreement under this Act.

Special provisions with regard to agreements with crew of foreign-going ships.

**30. (1)** The following provisions shall have effect with respect to the agreements with the crew made in British India in the case of foreign-going ships registered either within or without British India, namely:—

(a) The agreement shall, subject to the provision of this Act as to substitutes, be signed by each seaman in the presence of a shipping-master.

(b) The shipping-master shall cause the agreement to be read over and explained to each seaman, in a language understood

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by him or shall otherwise ascertain that each seaman understands the same before he signs it, and shall attest each signature.

- (c) When the crew is first engaged the agreement shall be signed in duplicate, and one part shall be retained by the shipping-master, and the other part shall be delivered to the master, and shall contain a special place or form for the descriptions and signatures of substitutes or persons engaged subsequently to the first departure of the ship.
- (d) When a substitute is engaged in the place of a seaman who has duly signed the agreement and whose services are lost within twenty-four hours of the ship's putting to sea by death, desertion, or other unforeseen cause, the engagement shall, if practicable, be made before a shipping-master, and if not practicable the master shall, before the ship puts to sea, if practicable, and, if not, as soon afterwards as possible, cause the agreement to be read over and explained to the substitute: and the substitute shall thereupon sign the same in the presence of a witness, who shall attest the signature.
- (e) The agreement may be made for a voyage of the ship or, if the voyages of the ship average less than six months in duration, may be made to extend over two or more voyages, and agreements so made are in this Act referred to as running agreements.
- (f) Save as otherwise provided in this section, running agreements shall not extend beyond the next following thirtieth day of June or thirty-first day of December, or the first arrival of the ship at her port of destination in British India after such date, or the discharge of cargo consequent upon that arrival.
- (g) On every return to a port in British India before the final termination of a running agreement, the master shall discharge or engage before the shipping-master at such port any seaman whom he is required by law so to discharge or engage; and shall upon every such return endorse on the agreement a statement (as the case may be) either that no such discharges or engagements have been made or are intended to be made before the ship leaves port, or that all those made have been made as required by law, and if the master wilfully makes a false statement in any such endorsement, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

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- (h) The master shall deliver the running agreement so endorsed to the shipping-master, and the shipping-master shall, if the provisions of this Act relating to agreements have been complied with, sign the endorsement and return the agreement to the master.
- (2) In the case of a ship—  
 (a) registered in British India, or  
 (b) registered in the United Kingdom but not employed in trading with any port in the United Kingdom,

a running agreement may be made to extend over two or more voyages so that it shall terminate either within six months from the date on which it was executed, or on the first arrival of the ship at her port of destination in British India after the expiration of that period, or on the discharge of cargo consequent upon such arrival, whichever of these dates shall be the latest:

Provided that no such agreement shall continue in force if, after the expiration of such period of six months as aforesaid, the ship proceeds on a voyage from a port out of British India to any other such port which is not on the direct road or a customary route to her port of destination in British India:

Provided, also, that every such agreement shall, in addition to any other particulars required by law, contain such stipulations for the discharge of the crew and payment of their wages, for securing their return to the port at which they were shipped or to some other port in British India, and for other purposes on the termination of the agreement at a port out of British India under the foregoing proviso, as the [Central Government] may direct.

**Renewal of  
running  
agreements  
in certain  
cases.**

**31.** (1) When a running agreement has been made with the crew of a foreign-going ship and the ship arrives after the next following thirtieth day of June or thirty-first day of December, as the case may be, or after the expiration of a period of six months from the date on which it was executed at a port of destination in British India which is not the port at which the crew have agreed to be discharged, the master may, with the previous sanction of the shipping-master, renew the agreement with the crew, or may be required by the shipping-master so to renew the agreement for the voyage from such port of destination to the port in British India at which the crew have agreed to be discharged.

(2) If the master of the ship is required by the shipping-master to renew the agreement as aforesaid and refuses so to renew it, any expenses which may be incurred by [the Central Government] for the subsistence of the crew and their conveyance to the port at which they have agreed

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt."

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to be discharged shall be a charge upon the ship, and shall be recoverable as if they were expenses incurred in respect of distressed seamen under the provisions of this Act.

**32.** The following provisions shall have effect with respect to the Special agreements with the crew of home-trade ships for which an agreement with the crew is required under this Act, namely:—

(a) Agreements may be made either for service in a particular ship or for service in two or more ships belonging to the same owner, but, in the latter case, the names of the ships and the nature of the service shall be specified in the agreement.

(b) Crews or single seamen may, if the master thinks fit, be engaged before a shipping-master in the same manner as they are required to be engaged for service in foreign-going ships, but, if the engagement is not so made, the master shall, before the ship puts to sea, if practicable, and, if not, as soon afterwards as possible, cause the agreement to be read over and explained to each seaman, and the seaman shall thereupon sign the same in the presence of a witness, and the witness shall attest the signature.

(c) An agreement for service in two or more ships belonging to the same owner may be made by the owner instead of by the master, and the provisions of this Act, with respect to the making of the agreement, shall apply accordingly.

(d) Agreements shall not extend beyond the next following thirtieth day of June or thirty-first day of December or the first arrival of the ship at her final port of destination in British India after such date, or the discharge of cargo consequent on that arrival:

Provided that the owner or his agent may enter into time agreements in forms sanctioned by the [Central Government] with individual seamen to serve in any one or more ships belonging to such owner, which agreements need not expire on either the thirtieth day of June or the thirty-first day of December.

**33. (I)** The master of every foreign-going ship, of which the crew has been engaged before a shipping-master, shall, before finally leaving British India, sign and send to the nearest shipping-master a full and accurate statement in a form sanctioned by the [Central Government] of every change which takes place in his crew before finally leaving British India, and that statement shall be admissible in evidence.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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(2) If any master fails without reasonable cause to comply with the requirements of this section, he shall be liable for each offence to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

Certificate as to agreement with crew of foreign-going ship.

**34.** (1) In the case of a foreign-going ship on the due execution of an agreement with the crew in accordance with this Act, and also, when the agreement is a running agreement, on compliance by the master, before the second and every subsequent voyage made after the first commencement of the agreement, with the provisions of this Act respecting that agreement, the shipping-master shall grant the master of the ship a certificate to that effect.

(2) The master of every foreign-going ship shall, before proceeding to sea, produce that certificate to the Customs-collector, or, if there is no Customs-collector, to the officer whose duty it is to grant a port-clearance.

(3) No officer of Customs or other officer shall clear any such ship outwards without such production; and, if any such ship attempts to go to sea without a clearance, any such officer may detain her until such certificate as aforesaid is produced.

(4) The master of every foreign-going ship shall, within forty-eight hours after the ship's arrival at her final port of destination in British India, or upon the discharge of the crew, whichever first happens, deliver such agreement to a shipping-master at the place; and such shipping-master shall thereupon give to the master a certificate of such delivery; and no officer of Customs or other officer shall clear any foreign-going ship inwards without the production of such certificate.

(5) Any master who fails without reasonable cause so to deliver the agreement with the crew, shall be liable for each offence to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

Certificate as to agreement with crew of home-trade ship.

**35.** (1) The master or owner of a home-trade ship of more than three hundred tons burden shall, within twenty-one days after the thirtieth day of June and the thirty-first day of December in every year, or (if the ship is not at any port in British India within twenty-one days after either the thirtieth day of June or the thirty-first day of December) within forty-eight hours of her next arrival at a port in British India, deliver or transmit to a shipping-master in British India every agreement made within the six months next preceding such days respectively.

(2) The shipping-master on receiving such agreement shall give the master or owner of the ship a certificate to that effect; and no officer of Customs or other officer authorised to grant a port-clearance shall grant a clearance for any such ship without a production of the certificate, and, if any such ship attempts to go to sea without such clearance, any such officer may detain her until the certificate is produced.

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(3) Any master or owner who fails, without reasonable cause, to comply with this section shall be liable for each offence to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

**36.** (1) The master shall, at the commencement of every voyage or engagement, cause a legible copy of the agreement and, if necessary, a translation thereof in a language understood by the majority of the crew (omitting the signatures), to be placed or posted up in such part of the ship as to be accessible to the crew.

(2) Any master who fails without reasonable cause to comply with this section shall be liable for each offence to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

**37.** Every erasure, interlineation or alteration in any agreement with the crew (except additions made for the purpose of shipping substitutes or persons engaged subsequently to the first departure of the ship) shall be wholly inoperative, unless proved to have been made with the consent of all the persons interested in such erasure, interlineation or alteration by the written attestation (if made in His Majesty's dominions) of some shipping-master, Justice, officer of Customs, or other public functionary, or (if made out of His Majesty's dominions) of a British consular officer, or, where there is no such officer, of two respectable British merchants.

<sup>1</sup>[Employment of young persons.

**37A.** For the purposes of the following provisions—

- (i) “coasting-ship” means a ship exclusively employed in trading between any ports or places on the continent of India, <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* \* or between ports or places on the continent of India and ports or places in the island of Ceylon [<sup>3</sup>or in Burma];
- (ii) “young lascar” means a lascar or other native seaman under eighteen years of age; and
- (iii) “young person” means a person under eighteen years of age, and includes a young lascar.

**37B.** No young person under fourteen years of age shall be engaged or carried to sea to work in any capacity in any ship registered in British India and no young lascar under fourteen years of age shall be engaged or carried to sea to work in any capacity in any foreign ship, except—

- (a) in a school-ship, or training-ship, in accordance with the prescribed conditions; or

<sup>1</sup> Ss. 37A to 37J with their heading were ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1931 (9 of 1931), s. 4.

<sup>2</sup> The words “or between Aden and Perim” rep. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

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- (b) in a ship in which all persons employed are members of one family; or
- (c) in a home-trade ship of a burden not exceeding three hundred tons; or
- (d) where such young person is to be employed on nominal wages and will be in the charge of his father or other adult near male relative.

**Engagement  
of young  
persons as  
trimmers or  
stokers.**

**37C.** (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-sections (2) and (3), no young person shall be engaged or carried to sea to work as a trimmer or stoker in any ship registered in British India, and no young lascar shall be engaged or carried to sea to work as a trimmer or stoker in any foreign ship.

(2) Sub-section (1) shall not apply—

- (a) to any work of trimming or stoking done by a young person in a school-ship or training-ship in accordance with the prescribed conditions; or
- (b) to any work of trimming or stoking done by a young person in a ship which is mainly propelled otherwise than by steam; or
- (c) to the engagement or carrying to sea of a young person over sixteen years of age to work as a trimmer or stoker on a coasting-ship, provided he is employed in accordance with the prescribed conditions.

(3) Where in any port a trimmer or stoker is required for any ship mentioned in sub-section (1), other than a coasting-ship, and no person over eighteen years of age is available, two young persons over sixteen years of age may be engaged and carried to sea to do the work which would otherwise have been done by one person over eighteen years of age.

(4) There shall be included in every agreement with the crew in ships to which this section applies a short summary of the provisions of this section.

**Medical  
examination  
of young  
persons.**

**37D.** (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2), no young person shall be engaged or carried to sea to work in any capacity in any ship registered in British India, and no young lascar shall be engaged or carried to sea to work in any capacity in any foreign ship, unless there has been delivered to the master a certificate granted by a prescribed authority that the young person is physically fit to be employed in that capacity.

(2) Sub-section (1) shall not apply—

- (a) to the employment of a young person in a ship in which all persons employed are members of one family; or

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(b) where the shipping-master, on the ground of urgency, has authorised a young person to be engaged and carried to sea, without the certificate required by sub-section (1) being delivered to the master, and the young person is not employed beyond the first port at which the ship in which he is so engaged calls except in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1).

(3) A certificate of physical fitness required under this section shall remain in force for one year only from the date on which it is granted.

**37E.** There shall be included in every agreement with the crew of every ship registered in British India and every foreign ship, which engages young persons in British India, a list of young persons who are members of the crew, together with particulars of the dates of their birth, and, in the case of any such ship where there is no agreement, the master shall keep a register of young persons with particulars of the dates of their birth and of the dates on which they became or ceased to be members of the crew.

**37F.** If any young person is carried to sea to work in contravention of section 37B, section 37C or section 37D, the master of the ship shall for each such offence be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

**37G.** If any young person is engaged to work in any capacity in a ship in contravention of section 37B, section 37C or section 37D on a false representation by his parent or guardian that the young person is of an age at which such engagement is not in contravention of those sections, such parent or guardian shall be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

**37H.** If the master of any ship refuses or neglects to produce for inspection any medical certificate delivered to him under section 37D when required so to do by a shipping-master, he shall for each such offence be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

**37I.** If the master of a ship where there is no agreement with the crew fails to keep the register of young persons required to be kept by him under section 37E, or refuses or neglects to produce such register for inspection when required so to do by a shipping-master, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

**37J.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may make rules prescribing—  
 (a) the conditions of employment of young persons, in any capacity, in school-ships and training-ships, and the authorities by whom and the manner in which the inspection of their work shall be carried out;

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- (b) the conditions of employment of young persons as trimmers or stokers in coasting-ships;
- (c) the authorities whose certificates of physical fitness shall be accepted for the purposes of section 37D; and
- (d) the form of the register of young persons to be maintained in ships where there is no agreement with the crew.

(2) Rules under clause (b) shall be made after consultation with such organisations in British India as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may consider to be most representative of the employers of seamen and of seamen.]

*Engagement of Lascars by Masters of Foreign Ships.*

Engage-  
ments be-  
tween  
masters of  
foreign ships  
and lascars  
or native  
seamen.

**38.** (1) When the master of a foreign ship being at any port in British India engages any lascar or other native seaman to proceed to any port out of British India, he shall enter into an agreement with such seaman, and the agreement shall be made before a shipping-master in the manner provided by this Act for the making of agreements in the case of foreign-going ships.

(2) All the provisions of this Act, respecting the form of such agreements and the stipulations to be contained in them and the making and signing of the same, shall be applicable to the engagement of such seaman.

(3) The master of the foreign ship shall give to the shipping-master a bond with the security of some approved person resident in British India for an amount calculated at the rate of one hundred rupees for every such seaman and conditioned for the due performance of such agreement and stipulations, and for the repayment to the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] of all expenses which may be incurred by <sup>3</sup>[the Central Government] in respect of any such lascar or other native seaman who is discharged or left behind at any port out of British India and becomes distressed and is relieved under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts.

(4) The prescribed fees shall be payable in respect of every such engagement and deductions from the wages of seamen so engaged may be made to the extent and in the manner allowed under this Act.

Penalty for  
master of  
foreign ship  
illegally  
engaging  
native  
seamen.

**39.** If any lascar or other native seaman is engaged by the master of any foreign ship otherwise than is allowed in section 38, the master shall be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees for every seaman so engaged.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Secretary of State for India in Council".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt."

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**40.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or such officer as <sup>2</sup>[it] may appoint in this behalf may, by order in writing, prohibit any person from engaging in <sup>3</sup>[British India] or in any specified portion of <sup>4</sup>[British India], any native of India to serve as a seaman on any ship specified in such order, but in every case the reasons for the prohibition shall be stated in writing.

(2) Whoever wilfully disobeys any such prohibition shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or to both.

**41.** (1) For the purpose of preventing seamen from being taken on board any British ship or lascars or native seamen being taken on board any foreign ship at any port in British India contrary to the provisions of this Act, any shipping-master or deputy shipping-master may enter at any time on board any such ship upon which he has reason to believe that seamen or lascars or native seamen, as the case may be, have been shipped, and may muster and examine the several seamen employed therein.

(2) If any person obstructs a shipping-master or deputy shipping-master in the exercise of his powers under sub-section (1), he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

*Discharge of Seamen.*

**42.** (1) When a seaman serving in a British foreign-going ship is, on the termination of his engagement, discharged in British India, he shall, whether the agreement with the crew be an agreement for the voyage or a running agreement, be discharged in the manner provided by this Act in the presence of a shipping-master.

(2) If the master or owner of the ship acts in contravention of this section, he shall, for each offence, be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

(3) If the master or owner of a home-trade ship, of more than three hundred tons burden, so desires, the seamen of that ship may be discharged in the same manner as seamen discharged from a foreign-going ship.

**43.** (1) The master shall sign and give to a seaman discharged from his ship in British India, either on his discharge or on payment of his

Certificate  
of discharge  
and return

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<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for "the territories subject to the said Govt."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for "such territories".

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of certificate wages, a certificate of his discharge in a form sanctioned by the <sup>1</sup>[Central to officer on Government] specifying the period of his service and the time and place discharge. of his discharge.

(2) If a master acts in contravention of this section, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

(3) The master shall also, upon the discharge of every certificated officer, whose certificate of competency has been delivered to and retained by him, return the certificate to the officer, and if, without reasonable cause, he fails so to do, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

Certificate as to work of seaman.

<sup>2</sup>[43A. (1) The master of every ship, except home-trade ships of a burden not exceeding three hundred tons, shall sign and give to a seaman discharged from his ship in British India, either on his discharge or on payment of his wages, a certificate in a form sanctioned by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] stating—

- (a) the quality of the work of the seaman; or
- (b) whether the seaman has fulfilled his obligations under the agreement with the crew.

(2) If the master acts in contravention of this section, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.]

*Payment of Wages.*

Master to deliver account of wages.

44. (1) The master of every British ship shall, before paying off or discharging a seaman, deliver at the time and in the manner provided by this Act a full and true account in a form sanctioned by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] of the seaman's wages and of all deductions to be made therefrom on any account whatever.

(2) The said account shall be delivered—

(a) where the seaman is not discharged before the shipping-master, to the seaman himself not less than twenty-four hours before his discharge or payment off; and

(b) where the seaman is to be discharged before a shipping-master, either to the seaman himself, at or before the time of his leaving the ship, or to the shipping-master not less than twenty-four hours before the discharge or payment off.

(3) If the master of a ship fails, without reasonable cause, to comply with this section, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

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<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1931 (9 of 1931), s. 5.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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**45.** (1) A deduction from the wages of a seaman shall not be allowed Deductions from wages unless it is included in the account delivered in pursuance of this Act of seamen. except in respect of a matter happening after the delivery.

(2) The master shall, during the voyage, enter the various matters in respect of which the deductions are made, with the amount of the respective deductions as they occur, in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall, if required, produce the book at the time of the payment of wages and also upon the hearing before any competent authority of any complaint or question relating to that payment.

**46.** (1) Where a seaman is discharged before a shipping-master in British India, he shall receive his wages through, or in the presence of, a shipping-master unless a competent Court otherwise directs, and in such a case, if the master or owner of the ship pays his wages in British India in any other manner, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

(2) If the master or owner of a home-trade ship so desires, the seamen of that ship may receive their wages in the same manner as seamen discharged from a foreign-going ship.

**47.** (1) The master or owner of every ship shall pay to every seaman his wages within three days after the cargo has been delivered or within five days after the seaman's discharge, whichever first happens, and the seaman shall at the time of his discharge be entitled to be paid on account a sum equal to one-fourth part of the balance due to him.

(2) If a master or owner fails without reasonable cause to make payment at that time, he shall pay to the seaman a sum not exceeding the amount of two days' pay for each of the days during which payment is delayed beyond the respective times, but the sum payable shall not exceed ten days' double pay.

(3) Any sum payable under this section may be recovered as wages.

**48.** (1) Where a seaman is discharged and the settlement of his wages completed before a shipping-master, he shall sign in the presence of the shipping-master a release in a form sanctioned by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] of all claims in respect of the past voyage or engagement, and the release shall also be signed by the master or owner of the ship and attested by the shipping-master.

(2) The release so signed and attested shall be retained by the shipping-master and shall operate as a mutual discharge and settlement of all demands between the parties thereto in respect of the past voyage or engagement.

(3) A copy of the release, certified under the hand of the shipping-master to be a true copy, shall be given by him to any party thereto

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requiring the same, and such copy shall be receivable in evidence upon any future question touching such claims, and shall have all the effect of the original of which it purports to be a copy.

(4) Where the settlement of a seaman's wages is by this Act required to be completed through, or in the presence of, a shipping-master, no payment, receipt or settlement made otherwise than in accordance with this Act shall operate or be admitted as evidence of the release or satisfaction of any claim.

(5) Upon any payment being made by a master before a shipping-master, the shipping-master shall, if required, sign and give to the master a statement of the whole amount so paid, and this statement shall, as between the master and his employer, be admissible as evidence that the master has made the payments therein mentioned.

Decision of  
questions by  
shipping-  
masters.

**49.** (1) Where any question of whatever nature and whatever the amount in dispute between a master or owner and any of his crew is raised before a shipping-master, and both parties agree in writing to submit the same to him, the shipping-master shall hear and decide the question so submitted and an award made by him upon the submission shall be conclusive as to the rights of parties, and any document purporting to be such submission or award shall be *prima facie* evidence thereof.

(2) An award made by a shipping-master under this section may be enforced by a Magistrate in the same manner as an order for the payment of wages made by such Magistrate under this Act.

Power of  
shipping-  
master to  
require  
production  
of ship's  
papers.

**50.** (1) In any proceedings under this Act before a shipping-master relating to the wages, claims or discharge of a seaman, the shipping-master may require the owner or his agent or the master or any mate or other member of the crew to produce any log-books, papers, or other documents in his possession or power relating to any matter in question in the proceedings, and may require the attendance of and examine any of those persons being then at or near the place on the matter.

(2) If any person so required fails, without reasonable cause, to comply with the requisition, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

Rate of  
exchange for  
payment of  
seamen in  
British  
Indian  
money.

**51.** Where a seaman or apprentice has agreed with the master of a British ship for payment of his wages in British currency, the seaman or apprentice shall be entitled to demand and recover in British Indian currency the amount due to him estimated according to the rate of exchange for the time being fixed <sup>1\*</sup> \* \* \* for the adjustment of financial transactions between the Imperial and the Indian Governments.

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<sup>1</sup> The words "by the Secretary of State for India in Council, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury" rep. by the A. O.

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**52.** (1) Any agreement with the crew may contain a stipulation for Advances payment to a seaman, conditional on his going to sea in pursuance of the and allotments. agreement, of a sum not exceeding the amount of one month's wages payable to the seaman under the agreement.

(2) Stipulations for the allotment of a seaman's wages may be made in accordance with this Act.

(3) Save as aforesaid an agreement by or on behalf of the employer of a seaman for the payment of money to or on behalf of the seaman, conditional on his going to sea from any port in British India shall be void, and no money paid in satisfaction or in respect of any such agreement shall be deducted from the seaman's wages, and a person shall not have any right of action, suit or set-off against the seaman or his assignee in respect of any money so paid or purporting to have been so paid.

**53.** (1) Any stipulation made by a seaman at the commencement of a voyage for the allotment of any part of his wages during his absence shall be inserted in the agreement with the crew, and shall state the amounts and times of the payments to be made.

(2) A seaman may require that a stipulation be inserted in the agreement for the allotment, by means of an allotment note, of any part (not exceeding one-third) of his wages in favour either of a relative of the seaman or some member of his family to be named in the note.

(3) Allotment notes shall be in a form sanctioned by the [Central Government].

**54.** (1) The owner or any agent who has authorised the drawing of an allotment note shall pay to the shipping-master on demand the sums due under the note, and, if he fails to do so, the shipping-master may sue for and recover the same with costs:

Provided that no such sum shall be recoverable if it is shown to the satisfaction of the Court or Magistrate trying the case that the seaman has forfeited or ceased to be entitled to the wages out of which the allotment was to have been paid, but the seaman shall be presumed to be duly earning his wages unless the contrary is shown to the satisfaction of the Court or Magistrate either by the official statement of the change in the crew caused by his absence made and signed by the master as by this Act is required, or by a certified copy of some entry in the official log-book to the effect that he has died or left the ship, or by a credible letter from the master of the ship to the same effect, or by such other evidence, of whatever description, as the Court or Magistrate may consider sufficient.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

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(2) The shipping-master on receiving any such sum as aforesaid shall pay it over to the person named in that behalf in the allotment note.

(3) All such receipts and payments shall be entered in a book to be kept for the purpose, and all entries in the said book shall be authenticated by the signature of the shipping-master or the deputy shipping-master.

(4) The said book shall be at all reasonable times open to the inspection of the parties concerned.

*Rights of Seamen in respect of Wages.*

Right to wages and provisions.

**55.** A seaman's right to wages and provisions shall be taken to begin either at the time at which he commences work or at the time specified in the agreement for his commencement of work or presence on board whichever first happens.

Right to recover wages and salvage not to be forfeited.

**56.** (1) A seaman shall not by any agreement forfeit his lien on the ship or be deprived of any remedy for the recovery of his wages to which in the absence of the agreement he would be entitled, and shall not by any agreement abandon his right to wages in case of the loss of the ship or abandon any right that he may have or obtain in the nature of salvage, and every stipulation in any agreement inconsistent with any provisions of this Act shall be void.

(2) Nothing in this section shall apply to a stipulation made by the seamen belonging to any ship which according to the terms of the agreement is to be employed on salvage service with respect to the remuneration to be paid to them for salvage service to be rendered by that ship to any other ship.

Wages not to depend on freight.

**57.** (1) The right to wages shall not depend on the earning of freight, and every seaman and apprentice who would be entitled to demand and recover any wages if the ship in which he has served had earned freight, shall, subject to all other rules of law and conditions applicable to the case, be entitled to demand and recover the same notwithstanding that freight has not been earned; but in all cases of wreck or loss of the ship, proof that the seaman has not exerted himself to the utmost to save the ship, cargo and stores shall bar his claim to wages.

(2) Where a seaman or apprentice who would but for death be entitled by virtue of this section to demand and recover any wages dies before the wages are paid, they shall be paid and applied in manner provided by this Act with respect to the wages of a seaman who dies during a voyage.

Wages on termination of service by wreck or illness.

**58.** Where the service of a seaman terminates before the date contemplated in the agreement by reason of the wreck or loss of the ship, or of his being left on shore at any place out of British India under a certificate granted as provided by the Merchant Shipping Acts of his

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unfitness or inability to proceed on the voyage, he shall be entitled to wages up to the time of such termination, but not for any longer period.

<sup>1</sup>[**58A.** (1) Where the service of a lascar or native seaman employed on a ship registered in British India or engaged in British India for employment on a foreign ship terminates before the date contemplated by reason of the wreck or loss of the ship, the lascar shall, notwithstanding anything contained in section 58, but subject to the provisions of this section, be entitled to receive—

- (a) wages at the rate to which he was entitled at the date of the termination of service, until he is sent home or to a port near his home in accordance with section 75, or until he has been sent home or to a proper port of return in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Acts, or has in any other way reached his port of departure from India or a port near his home, as the case may be; and
- (b) compensation for the loss of his effects up to one month's wages at the said rate.

(2) A lascar shall not be entitled to receive wages under clause (a) of sub-section (1) in respect of any period during which—

- (a) he was or could have been suitably employed; or
- (b) he negligently failed to apply to the proper authority for relief as a distressed or destitute lascar.]

**59.** A seaman or apprentice shall not be entitled to wages for any time during which he unlawfully refuses or neglects to work when required whether before or after the time fixed by the agreement for his commencement of such work nor, unless the Court hearing the case otherwise directs, for any period during which he is lawfully imprisoned for any offence committed by him.

**60.** Whenever in any proceeding relating to a seaman's or apprentice's wages it is shown that a seaman or apprentice has in the course of the voyage been convicted of any offence by a competent Court and rightly punished therefor by imprisonment or otherwise, the Court hearing the case may direct any part of the wages due to the seaman or apprentice not exceeding thirty rupees to be applied to reimbursing any cost properly incurred by the master in procuring the conviction and imprisonment.

**61.** If a seaman having signed an agreement is discharged otherwise than in accordance with the terms thereof before the commencement of the voyage or before one month's wages are earned without fault on his part justifying that discharge and without his consent, he shall be entitled to receive from the master or owner, in addition to any wages

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1931 (9 of 1931), s. 6.

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he may have earned, due compensation for the damage caused to him by the discharge not exceeding one month's wages, and may recover that compensation as if it were wages duly earned.

Restriction  
on sale of  
and charge  
upon wages.

- 62.** (1) As respects wages due or accruing to a seaman or apprentice—  
 (a) they shall not be subject to attachment by order of any Court;  
 (b) an assignment or sale thereof made prior to the accruing thereof shall not bind the person making the same;  
 (c) a power-of-attorney or authority for the receipt thereof shall not be irrevocable;  
 (d) a payment of wages to a seaman or apprentice shall be valid in law notwithstanding any previous sale or assignment of those wages or any attachment or encumbrance thereof.

(2) Nothing in this section shall affect the provisions of this Act or any other law for the time being in force with respect to allotment notes.

*Mode of recovering Wages.*

Summary  
proceedings  
for wages.

**63.** A seaman or apprentice or a person duly authorised on his behalf may, as soon as any wages due to him not exceeding five hundred rupees become payable, sue for the same in a summary manner before any Magistrate exercising jurisdiction in or near the place at which his service has terminated or at which he has been discharged, or at which any person upon whom the claim is made is or resides, and the order made by the Magistrate in the matter shall be final.

Restriction  
on suits for  
wages.

**64.** A proceeding for the recovery of wages not exceeding five hundred rupees shall not be instituted by or on behalf of any seaman or apprentice in any Colonial Court of Admiralty or in any Civil Court other than the Court of Small Causes where such a Court exists, except—

- (a) where the owner of the ship is adjudged bankrupt or declared insolvent;
- (b) where the ship is under arrest or is sold by the authority of any Court; or
- (c) where a Magistrate under the authority of this Act refers a claim to the Court.

Remedies of  
masters for  
wages.

**65.** (1) The master of a ship shall, so far as the case permits, have the same rights, liens and remedies for the recovery of his wages as a seaman has under this Act or by any law or custom.

(2) If in any proceeding in any Colonial Court of Admiralty touching the claim of a master in respect of wages any right of set-off or counter-claim is set up, the Court may enter into and adjudicate upon all questions and settle all accounts then arising or outstanding and unsettled between the parties to the proceeding and may direct payment of any balance found to be due.

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*Property of Deceased Seamen.*

**66.** (1) If any seaman or apprentice belonging to a British ship the voyage of which is to terminate in British India dies during that voyage, the master of the ship shall take charge of any money or effects belonging to the seaman or apprentice which are on board the ship.

(2) The master may, if he think fit, cause any effects to be sold by auction at the mast or otherwise by public auction.

(3) The master shall enter in the official log-book the following particulars, namely :—

(a) a statement of the amount of money and a description of the effects;

(b) in the case of a sale, a description of each article sold and the sum received for each; and

(c) a statement of the sum due to the deceased for wages and of the amount of deduction, if any, to be made from the wages.

(4) The said money, effects, proceeds of sale of effects, and balance of wages, are in this Act referred to as the property of the seaman or apprentice.

**67.** (1) The master shall, within forty-eight hours after his arrival at his port of destination in British India, deliver and pay the property of any deceased seaman or apprentice to the shipping-master at that port, and shall give to such shipping-master an account of the property so delivered and paid.

(2) A deduction claimed by the master in such account shall not be allowed unless verified, if an official log-book is required to be kept, by an entry in that book, and also by such other vouchers, if any, as may be reasonably required by the shipping-master.

**68.** (1) If the master fails to comply with the provisions of this Act with respect to taking charge of the property of a deceased seaman or apprentice, or to making in the official log-book the proper entries relating thereto, or to the payment or delivery of the property, he shall be accountable for the property to the shipping-master as aforesaid, and shall pay and deliver the same accordingly and shall in addition, for each offence, be liable to a fine not exceeding treble the value of the property not accounted for or, if such value is not ascertained, not exceeding five hundred rupees.

(2) The property may be recovered in the same Court and manner in which the wages of seamen may be recovered under this Act.

**69.** Where any property of a deceased seaman or apprentice is paid or delivered to a shipping-master, the shipping-master, after deducting for expenses incurred in respect of that seaman or apprentice or of his property such sums as he thinks proper to allow, may :—

(a) pay and deliver the residue to any claimants who can prove themselves to the satisfaction of the said shipping-master to

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be entitled thereto, and the said shipping-master shall be thereby discharged from all further liability in respect of the residue so paid or delivered; or

- (b) if he thinks fit so to do, require probate or letters of administration or a certificate under the Succession Certificate Act, VII of 1889<sup>1</sup>, to be taken out, and thereupon pay and deliver the residue to the legal representative of the deceased.

*Disposal of unclaimed property of deceased seamen.*

**70.** (1) Where no claim to the property of a deceased seaman or apprentice received by a shipping-master is substantiated within one year from the receipt thereof by such shipping-master, the shipping-master shall cause such property to be sold and pay the proceeds of the sale into the public treasury.

(2) If, after any money has been so paid into the public treasury, any claim is made thereto, then if the claim is established to the satisfaction of the shipping-master, the amount, or so much as shall appear to be due to the claimant, shall be paid to him, and if the claim is not so established the claimant may apply by petition to the High Court, and such Court, after taking evidence either orally or on affidavit, shall make such order on the petition as shall seem just:

Provided that, after the expiration of six years from the receipt of such property by the shipping-master, no claim to such property shall be entertained without the sanction of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government].

*Distressed Seamen.*

*Relief of distressed seamen to whom Merchant Shipping Acts apply.*

**71.** (1) A certificate of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] or of such officer as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may appoint in this behalf to the effect that any seaman named therein is distressed shall in all proceedings under the Merchant Shipping Acts regarding the maintenance and relief of distressed seamen be conclusive evidence that such seaman is distressed within the meaning of those Acts.

(2) Any master of a British ship refusing to accept such seaman as a distressed seaman under the provisions of the said Acts shall for each seaman with respect to whom he so refuses be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

*Recovery of wages, etc., of distressed seamen under the Merchant Shipping Acts.*

**72.** (1) Where any wages or expenses recoverable in respect of distressed seamen under the Merchant Shipping Acts are, under the said Acts, a charge upon any ship, or recoverable from any master, owner or other person, within the jurisdiction of any Court in British India,

<sup>1</sup> See now the Indian Succession Act, 1925 (39 of 1925).

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

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the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, from time to time by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], authorise, either generally or specially, such persons as <sup>3</sup>[it] thinks fit to sue for and recover, in manner in the Merchant Shipping Acts provided, those wages or expenses.

I of 1872.  
(2) Every person so authorised shall be entitled to sue and recover accordingly in any such Court, and shall be deemed to be a person filling a public office within the meaning of clause (7) of section 57 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

(3) All suits and proceedings under this section shall be instituted and carried on in the name of the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government].

*Relief of distressed Seamen to whom the Merchant Shipping Acts do not apply.*

73. Nothing in the following provisions of this Part relating to distressed seamen shall apply to seamen or apprentices to whom the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts apply.

Provisions  
of the Act  
not to apply  
to seamen  
or appren-  
tices to  
whom the  
Merchant  
Shipping  
Acts apply.

74. (1) Where any seamen or apprentices—

(a) being Indian subjects of His Majesty are found at any place in British India and have been shipwrecked, discharged or left behind whether from any British ship or from any of His Majesty's ships and are in distress in that place, or who have been engaged by any person acting either as principal or agent to serve in any ship belonging to any foreign power, or to the subject of any foreign State, and are in distress in British India; and

Relief of  
distressed  
seamen at  
British  
Indian  
ports.

(b) not being Indian subjects have been shipwrecked, discharged or left behind at any place in British India from any British ship registered in British India and are in distress in any such place,

the local authority may in accordance with the prescribed conditions provide for the subsistence of those seamen and apprentices (who are herein-after referred to as distressed seamen) until such time as such authority is able to provide them with a passage as hereinafter provided.

(2) "Local authority", in relation to the provisions of this Act as to distressed seamen, means such person as the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Secretary of State for India in Council".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subis. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the I. G."

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may <sup>1\*</sup> \* \* \* appoint to exercise the powers conferred, and to perform the duties imposed, on the local authority under this Act.

Distressed seamen to be sent home on board British ship wanting seamen to make up its crew.

**75.** (1) Subject to the prescribed conditions the local authority may cause distressed seamen to be put on board some ship belonging to any subject of His Majesty which is in want of men to make up its complement and is bound—

- (a) in the case of distressed seamen who are Indian subjects of His Majesty, to their home or to a port in British India near their home;
- (b) in the case of other British distressed seamen, to any port in the United Kingdom or the British possession to which they belong (as the case requires); and
- (c) in the case of distressed seamen not being subjects of His Majesty, to such place as the local authority, subject to the control of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government], may in each case determine.

(2) In default of any such ship, the local authority may, subject as aforesaid, provide such distressed seamen with a passage in any ship (whether British or foreign) bound as aforesaid.

Name and other particulars with regard to seamen to be endorsed on agreement of British ship.

**76.** The local authority shall endorse on the agreement with the crew of any British ship on board of which any distressed seaman is sent the name of every person so sent on board thereof, with such particulars concerning the case as may be prescribed.

Master of British ship compelled to convey and give subsistence to such seamen.

**77.** (1) The master of every British ship shall receive and afford a passage and subsistence to all distressed seamen whom he is required to take on board his ship under the provisions of section 75, not exceeding one for every fifty tons burden, and shall, during the passage, provide every such seaman with a proper berth or sleeping-place effectually protected against sea and weather.

(2) If the master of any such ship fails or refuses to receive on board his ship, or to give a passage or subsistence to, or to provide for, any such seaman contrary to the provisions of sub-section (1), he shall for each such seaman with respect to whom he so fails or refuses, be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

Conditions under which master may claim payment.

**78.** (1) When the master of a British ship has conveyed a distressed seaman in excess of the number (if any) wanted to make up the complement of his crew to any place in accordance with the requisition of a local authority under this Act, such master shall be entitled to be paid by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] in respect of the subsistence and passage

<sup>1</sup> The words “, subject to the control of the G. G. in C.,” rep. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 4 and Sch.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Secretary of State for India in Council”.

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of such distressed seaman such sum *per diem* as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may fix:

Provided that no such payment shall be made except on the production of the following documents (that is to say):—

- (a) a certificate signed by the local authority by whose direction such distressed seaman was received on board, specifying the name of such seaman and the time when he was received on board; and
- (b) a declaration in writing by such master made and verified in manner hereinafter provided, and stating—
  - (i) the number of days during which such distressed seaman received subsistence and was provided for as aforesaid on board his ship;
  - (ii) the number of men and boys forming the complement of his crew;
  - (iii) the number of seamen and apprentices employed on board his ship during the time such distressed seaman was on board; and
  - (iv) every variation (if any) of such number.

(2) The declaration required by this section shall, in the case of a ship conveying Indian subjects of His Majesty to a port in British India, be made before a shipping-master or such other officer as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may appoint. In other cases such declaration shall be made and verified in the same manner as declarations made under section 48 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> Edw. 7,  
<sup>c.</sup> 48.

79. Where any expenses are incurred by a local authority under this Part on account of a distressed seaman either for his subsistence, necessary clothing, conveyance home, <sup>4</sup>[or] in case he should die before reaching home, for his burial, those expenses (together with the wages, if any, due to the seaman) shall be a charge upon the ship, whether British or foreign, to which he belonged.

Wages and  
expenses  
incurred in  
respect of  
distressed  
seamen to be  
charged on  
ship to  
which they  
belong in  
certain  
cases.

80. All such expenses and wages shall be recoverable with costs either from the master of such ship or from the person who is owner thereof for the time being, or, in the case of an engagement for service in a foreign ship, from such master or owner, or from the person by whom

Mode of  
recovering  
such wages  
and expenses.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Coll. of Stat. Ind., Vol. II.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1934 (24 of 1934), s. 2 and Sch. I, for "and".

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such engagement was so made, in the same manner as other debts due to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], or in the same manner and by the same form and process in which wages due to the distressed seaman would be recoverable by him.

Central  
Government  
may  
authorise  
persons to  
recover  
same.

**81.** (1) The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], authorise, either generally or specially, such persons as <sup>4</sup>[it] thinks fit to sue for any such expenses and wages and recover the same.

(2) Every person so authorised shall be entitled to sue and recover accordingly, and shall be deemed to be a person filling a public office within the meaning of clause (7) of section 57 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

I of 1872.

Board of  
Trade may  
recover such  
amount  
from master  
or owner in  
certain  
cases.

**82.** When any such expenses and wages are due to or in respect of a distressed seaman (not being an Indian subject of His Majesty) belonging to a British ship registered in British India, they may, instead of being recovered by a person authorised under section 81, be recovered by the Board of Trade in manner provided by section 42 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, and when so recovered shall be paid by the said <sup>6 Edw. 7,</sup> <sub>c. 48.</sub>

Board to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

What shall  
be evidence  
of distress  
and expenses  
incurred.

**83.** In all proceedings under this Part, whether in British India or elsewhere, the production of a certificate signed by the local authority by which any distressed seaman named therein was relieved or any expenses were incurred, under this Part, to the effect that such seaman was in distress, and that such expenses were incurred in respect of such seaman, shall be sufficient evidence that such seaman was relieved, conveyed home or buried, as the case may be, at the expense of the revenues of India.

Power of  
Central  
Government  
to make  
rules.

**84.** The <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may make rules to determine under what circumstances and subject to what conditions distressed seamen may be relieved and provided with passages under this Part, and generally to carry out the provisions of this Part regarding distressed seamen.

*Provisions, Health and Accommodation.*

Complaints  
as to pro-  
visions or  
water.

**85.** <sup>6</sup>[(1) All British ships and all ships upon which seamen have been shipped in British India shall have on board sufficient provisions

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Secretary of State for India in Council".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words "Gazette of India" which were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the words "local official Gazette".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 5 and Sch., for the word "it".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1931 (9 of 1931), s. 7, for the original sub-section.

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and water of good quality and fit for the use of the crew on the scale specified in the agreement with the crew.]

(2) If <sup>1</sup>[any person making an inspection under section 91] finds that the provisions or water are of bad quality and unfit for use or deficient in quantity, he shall signify it in writing to the master of the ship.

(3) If the master does not thereupon provide other proper provisions or water in lieu of any so signified to be of bad quality and unfit for use, or does not procure the requisite quantity of any provisions or water so signified to be deficient in quantity or uses any provisions or water so signified to be of bad quality and unfit for use, he shall be liable for each offence to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

(4) <sup>2</sup>[The person making the inspection] shall enter a statement of the result of the <sup>3</sup>[inspection] in the official log-book, and shall, if he is not the shipping-master, send a report thereof to the shipping-master and that report shall be admissible in evidence in any legal proceeding.

(5) <sup>4</sup>[If the inspection was made in pursuance of a request by members of the crew and the person making the inspection certifies in the statement of the result of the inspection that there was no reasonable ground for the request, every member of the crew who made the request] shall be liable to forfeit to the owner out of his wages a sum not exceeding one week's wages.

## 86. (1) In either of the following cases—

- (i) if during the voyage the allowance of any of the provisions for which a seaman has by his agreement stipulated is reduced (except in accordance with any regulations for reduction by way of punishment contained in the agreement with the crew, and also except for any time during which the seaman wilfully and without sufficient cause refuses or neglects to perform his duty or is lawfully under confinement for misconduct either on board or on shore); or
- (ii) if it is shown that any of those provisions are or have during the voyage been bad in quality or unfit for use;

Allowance  
for short or  
bad pro-  
visions.

the seaman shall receive by way of compensation for that reduction or bad quality according to the time of its continuance the following sums to be paid to him in addition to and to be recoverable as wages:—

- (a) if his allowance is reduced by not more than one-third of the quantity specified in the agreement a sum not exceeding

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1931 (9 of 1931), s. 7, for "the officer or person making the examination".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 7, *ibid.*, for "the officer directing or the person making the examination".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 7, *ibid.*, for "examination".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 7, *ibid.*, for "if the said officer certifies in that statement that there was no reasonable ground for the complaint, each of the complainants".

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three annas in the case of a European seaman or other person shipped on the same footing as a European seaman, or one anna in the case of a lascar or native seaman;

- (b) if his allowance is reduced by more than one-third of such quantity, six annas in the case of a European seaman or other person shipped on the same footing as a European seaman, or two annas in the case of a lascar or native seaman;
- (c) in respect of such bad quality as aforesaid, a sum not exceeding eight annas in the case of a European seaman or other person shipped on the same footing as a European seaman, or three annas in the case of a lascar or native seaman.

(2) If it is shown to the satisfaction of the Court before which the case is tried that any provisions, the allowance of which has been reduced, could not be procured or supplied in proper quantities, and that proper and equivalent substitutes were supplied in lieu thereof, the Court shall take those circumstances into consideration and modify or refuse the compensation as the justice of the case requires.

Medicines to  
be provided  
and kept on  
board cer-  
tain ships.

87. (1) All foreign-going British ships and all home-trade ships of more than three hundred tons burden shall have always on board a sufficient supply of medicines and appliances suitable for diseases and accidents likely to happen on sea voyages according to such scale as is from time to time issued by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] <sup>2</sup>\* \* \* \* and published in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette].

(2) If any requirement in this section with respect to the provision of medicines and appliances is not complied with in the case of any ship, the owner or master of that ship shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, unless he can prove, that the non-compliance was not caused by his inattention, neglect or wilful default.

(3) This section shall not apply to ships navigating between the United Kingdom and any port in British India and to which section 200 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, applies.

Weights and  
measures on  
board.

88. The master of a ship shall keep on board proper weights and measures for determining the quantities of the several provisions and articles served out and shall allow the same to be used at the time of serving out the provisions and articles in the presence of witnesses whenever any dispute arises about the quantities. If the master of a

<sup>57 & 58</sup>  
Vict., c. 60.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>2</sup> The words "with the approval of the G. G. in C." rep. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 4 and Sch.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words "Gazette of India", which were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 5 and Sch., for the words "local official Gazette".

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ship fails without reasonable cause to comply with this section, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

89. (1) If the master of, or a seaman or apprentice belonging to, a ship registered in British India receives any hurt or injury in the service of the ship, the expense of providing the necessary surgical and medical advice and attendance and medicine, and also the expenses of the maintenance of the master, seaman or apprentice until he is cured or dies or is brought back to the port from which he was shipped or other port agreed upon, and of his conveyance to that port, and in case of death, the expense, if any, of his burial, shall be defrayed by the owner of the ship without any deduction on that account from his wages.

(2) Where any expenses referred to in this section have been paid by the master, seaman, or apprentice himself, the same may be recovered as if they were wages duly earned, and, if any such expenses are paid or allowed out of any money forming part of the revenues of India, the amount shall be a charge upon the ship and may be recovered with full costs of suit by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

90. <sup>2</sup>[(1) Every place in a British ship which is occupied by seamen or apprentices engaged under this Act and appropriated for their use shall have for each seaman or apprentice a space of not less than twelve superficial feet and not less than seventy-two cubic feet.]

(2) In every case the place shall be below a well-caulked and substantial deck, securely constructed, properly ventilated and properly protected from weather and sea.

(3) If any of the foregoing requirements of this section is not complied with in the case of any ship, the owner of the ship shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

(4) Every place so occupied and appropriated shall be kept free from goods and stores of any kind not being the personal property of the crew in use during the voyage.

(5) If any such place is not so kept free, the master shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

<sup>3</sup>[91. A shipping-master, deputy shipping-master, or other officer appointed in this behalf by the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government], at any port—

(a) in the case of any ship upon which seamen have been shipped at that port, may at any time, and

Inspection  
of provisions,  
water,  
medicines  
and applica-  
ances,  
weights and  
measures  
and accom-  
modation.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Secretary of State for India in Council".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 3, for the original sub-section.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1931 (9 of 1931), s. 8, for the original section.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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(b) in the case of any British ship, may at any time, and, if the master or three or more of the crew so request, shall, enter on board the ship and inspect—  
 (i) the provisions and water,  
 (ii) the medicines and appliances,  
 (iii) the weights and measures,  
 (iv) the accommodation for seamen,  
 with which the ship is required to be provided by or under this Act or the Merchant Shipping Acts.]

*Facilities for making Complaints.*

Facilities  
for making  
complaints.

92. (1) If a seaman or apprentice, whilst on board ship, states to the master that he desires to make complaint to a Magistrate against the master or any of the crew, the master shall, so soon as the service of the ship will permit,

- (a) if the ship is then at a place where there is a Magistrate, after such statement, and
- (b) if the ship is not then at such place, after her first arrival at such a place,

allow the complainant to go ashore or send him ashore in proper custody so that he may be enabled to make the complaint.

(2) If the master of a ship fails without reasonable cause to comply with the provisions of this section, he shall for each such offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

*Protection of Seamen from Imposition.*

Assignment  
or sale of  
salvage  
invalid.

93. Subject to the provisions of this Act, an assignment or sale of salvage payable to a seaman or apprentice made prior to the accruing thereof shall not bind the person making the same, and a power-of-attorney or authority for the receipt of any such salvage shall not be irrevocable.

No debt  
exceeding  
three rupees  
recoverable  
till end of  
voyage.  
Penalty for  
overcharges  
by lodging-  
house-  
keepers.

94. A debt exceeding in amount three rupees incurred by any seaman after he has engaged to serve shall not be recoverable until the service agreed for is concluded.

95. If a person demands or receives from a seaman or apprentice payment in respect of his board or lodging in the house of that person for a longer period than the seaman or apprentice has actually resided or boarded therein, that person shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

Penalty for  
detaining  
seamen's  
effects.

96. (1) If a person receives or takes into his possession or under his control any money or effects of a seaman or apprentice and does not return the same or pay the value thereof when required by the seaman

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or apprentice subject to such deduction as may be justly due to him from the seaman or apprentice in respect of board or lodging or otherwise or absconds therewith, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

(2) Any Magistrate imposing a fine under this section may direct the amount of such money or the value of the effects subject to such deduction as aforesaid, if any, or the effects themselves to be forthwith paid or delivered to the seaman or apprentice.

**97.** If within twenty-four hours after the arrival of a ship at a port in British India a person then being on board the ship solicits a seaman to become a lodger at the house of any person letting lodgings for hire, or takes out of the ship any effects of a seaman except under the personal direction of the seaman and with the permission of the master, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

**98.** Where a ship is about to arrive or is arriving or has arrived at the end of the voyage and any person not being in His Majesty's service or not being duly authorised by law for the purpose goes on board the ship without the permission of the master before the seamen lawfully leave the ship at the end of their engagement or are discharged (whichever happens last), that person shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, and the master of the ship may take him into custody and deliver him up forthwith to a police officer to be taken before a Magistrate to be dealt with according to the provisions of this Act.

*Provisions as to Discipline.*

**99.** If a master, seaman or apprentice belonging to a British ship by wilful breach of duty or by neglect of duty or by reason of drunkenness—

- (a) does any act tending to the immediate loss, destruction or serious damage of the ship or tending immediately to endanger the life or limb of a person belonging to or on board the ship;
- (b) refuses or omits to do any lawful act proper and requisite to be done by him for preserving the ship from immediate loss, destruction or serious damage or for preserving any person belonging to or on board the ship from immediate danger to life or limb;

he shall be liable for every such offence to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or to both.

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Desertion  
and absence  
without  
leave.

**100.** If a seaman lawfully engaged or an apprentice commits any of the following offences, he shall, notwithstanding anything in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, be liable to be tried in a summary manner <sup>V of 1898.</sup> and to be punished as follows:—

- (i) if he deserts from his ship, he shall be guilty of the offence of desertion and be liable to forfeit all or any part of the effects he leaves on board and of the wages which he has then earned and also, if the desertion takes place at any place not in British India, to forfeit all or any part of the wages which he may earn in any other ship in which he may be employed until his next return to British India, and to satisfy any excess of wages paid by the master or owner of the ship from which he deserts to any substitute engaged in his place at a higher rate of wages than the rate stipulated to be paid to him, and also he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to twelve weeks;
- (ii) if he neglects or refuses without reasonable cause to join his ship or to proceed to sea in his ship or is absent without leave at any time within twenty-four hours of the ship's sailing from a port either at the commencement or during the progress of a voyage, or is absent at any time without leave and without sufficient reason from his ship or from his duty, he shall, if the offence does not amount to desertion or is not treated as such by the master, be guilty of the offence of absence without leave and be liable to forfeit out of his wages a sum not exceeding two days' pay and in addition for every twenty-four hours of absence either a sum not exceeding six days' pay, or any expenses properly incurred in hiring a substitute, and also he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten weeks.

Conveyance  
of deserter  
or impi-  
soned sea-  
man on  
board ship.

**101.** (1) If a seaman or apprentice is guilty of the offence of desertion or of absence without leave or otherwise absents himself from his ship without leave, the master, any mate, the owner, ship's husband or consignee of the ship may, with or without the assistance of police officers, convey him on board his ship, and those officers are hereby directed to give assistance if required.

(2) If the seaman or apprentice so requires, he shall first be taken before some Court capable of taking cognizance of the matter to be dealt with according to law.

(3) If it appears to the Court before whom the case is brought that the seaman or apprentice has been conveyed on board or taken before

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the Court on improper or insufficient grounds, that Court may inflict on the master, mate, owner, ship's husband or consignee, as the case may be, a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

(4) The infliction of such fine shall be a bar to any action for false imprisonment in respect of the arrest.

(5) If a seaman or apprentice is imprisoned for having been guilty of the offence of desertion or of absence without leave, or for having committed any other breach of discipline, and during his imprisonment and before his engagement is at an end his services are required on board his ship, any Magistrate may, on the application of the master or of the owner or his agent, notwithstanding that the period of his imprisonment is not at an end, cause the seaman or apprentice to be conveyed on board his ship for the purpose of proceeding on the voyage, or to be delivered to the master or any mate of the ship, or to the owner or his agent, to be by them so conveyed.

**102.** Where a seaman or apprentice is brought before a Court on the ground of the offence of desertion or of absence without leave or otherwise absenting himself without leave, the Court, if the master or the owner, or his agent, so requires, may, in lieu of committing him to prison, cause him to be conveyed on board his ship for the purpose of proceeding on the voyage, or deliver him to the master or any mate of the ship or the owner or his agent, to be by them so conveyed, and may in such case order any costs and expenses properly incurred by or on behalf of the master or owner by reason of the conveyance to be paid by the offender and, if necessary, to be deducted from any wages which he has then earned or by virtue of his then existing engagement may afterwards be earned.

**103.** If a seaman lawfully engaged or an apprentice commits any of the following offences (in this Act referred to as offences against discipline), he shall, notwithstanding anything in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, be liable to be tried in a summary way and to be punished as follows, namely:—

- (i) if he quits the ship without leave after her arrival at her port of delivery and before she is placed in security, he shall be liable to forfeit out of his wages a sum not exceeding one month's pay;
- (ii) if he is guilty of wilful disobedience to any lawful command, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a period which may extend to four weeks and shall also be liable to forfeit out of his wages a sum not exceeding two days' pay;
- (iii) if he is guilty of continued wilful disobedience to lawful commands or continued wilful neglect of duty, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend

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to twelve weeks, and shall also be liable for every twenty-four hours' continuance of such disobedience or neglect for a sum not exceeding six days' pay or any expenses which may have been properly incurred in hiring a substitute;

- (iv) if he assaults the master or any mate or a certificated engineer of the ship, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to twelve weeks;
- (v) if he combines with any of the crew to disobey lawful commands or to neglect duty or to impede the navigation of the ship or the progress of the voyage, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to twelve weeks;
- (vi) if he wilfully damages his ship or commits criminal misappropriation or breach of trust in respect of or wilfully damages any of her stores or cargo, he shall be liable to forfeit out of his wages a sum equal to the loss thereby sustained, and also to imprisonment for a term which may extend to twelve weeks;
- (vii) if he is convicted of any act of smuggling whereby loss or damage is occasioned to the master or owner of the ship, he shall be liable to pay to that master or owner a sum sufficient to re-imburse the loss or damage, and the whole or a proportionate part of his wages may be retained in satisfaction on account of that liability without prejudice to any further remedy.

Penalty for  
false state-  
ment as to  
last ship  
or name.

**104.** (1) If a seaman on or before being engaged wilfully and fraudulently makes a false statement of the name of his last ship or alleged last ship or wilfully and fraudulently makes a false statement of his own name, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

(2) The fine may be deducted from any wages the seaman may earn by virtue of his engagement as aforesaid and shall, subject to reimbursement of the loss or expenses, if any, occasioned by any desertion previous to the engagement, be paid and applied in the same manner as other fines under this Act.

Entry of  
offences in  
official log.

**105.** If any offence within the meaning of this Act of desertion or absence without leave or against discipline is committed, or if any act of misconduct is committed for which the offender's agreement imposes a fine and it is intended to enforce the fine,—

- (i) an entry of the offence or act shall be made in the official log-book and signed by the master and also by the mate or one of the crew; and

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- (ii) the offender, if still in the ship, shall, before the next subsequent arrival of the ship at any port, or, if she is at the time in port, before her departure therefrom, either be furnished with a copy of the entry or have the same read over distinctly and audibly to him and may thereupon make such reply thereto as he thinks fit; and
- (iii) a statement of a copy of the entry having been so furnished or the entry having been so read over and in either case the reply, if any, made by the offender shall likewise be entered and signed in manner aforesaid; and
- (iv) in any subsequent legal proceedings the entries by this section required shall, if practicable, be produced or proved, and, in default of that production or proof, the Court hearing the case may, in its discretion, refuse to receive evidence of the offence or act of misconduct.

**106.** (1) Whenever any seaman or apprentice not shipped in British India deserts or otherwise absents himself in British India without leave from a British ship in which he is engaged to serve, the master of the ship shall, within forty-eight hours of discovering such desertion or absence, report the same to the shipping-master or to such other officer as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] appoints in this behalf, unless in the meantime, the deserter or absentee returns.

(2) Any master wilfully neglecting to comply with the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees, or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month, or to both.

**107.** (1) In every case of desertion from a ship registered in British India whilst such ship is at any place out of British India, the master shall produce the entry of the desertion in the official log-book to the person authorised by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906,<sup>2</sup> to grant certificates for leaving seamen behind abroad; and that person shall thereupon make and certify a copy of the entry.

(2) The master shall forthwith transfer such copy to the shipping-master at the port at which the seaman or apprentice was shipped, and the shipping-master shall, if required, cause the same to be produced in any legal proceeding.

(3) Such copy, if purporting to be so made and certified as aforesaid, shall, in any legal proceeding relating to such desertion, be admissible in evidence.

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<sup>2</sup> Coll. of Stat. Ind., Vol. II.

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Facilities for proving desertion in proceeding for forfeiture of wages.

**108.** (1) Whenever a question arises whether the wages of any seaman or apprentice are forfeited for desertion from a ship, it shall be sufficient for the person insisting on the forfeiture to show that the seaman or apprentice was duly engaged in or belonged to the ship, and either that he left the ship before the completion of the voyage or engagement or, if the voyage was to terminate in British India and the ship has not returned, that he is absent from her and that an entry of his desertion has been duly made in the official log-book.

(2) The desertion shall thereupon, so far as relates to any forfeiture of wages under this Part, be deemed to be proved unless the seaman or apprentice can produce a proper certificate of discharge or can otherwise show to the satisfaction of the Court that he had sufficient reasons for leaving his ship.

Application of forfeitures.

**109.** (1) Where any wages or effects are under this Act forfeited for desertion from a ship, they shall be applied towards re-imbursing the expenses caused by the desertion to the master or the owner of the ship and, subject to that re-imbursement shall be paid into the public treasury and carried to the account of <sup>1</sup>[the Central Government].

(2) For the purposes of such re-imbursement the master or the owner or his agent may, if the wages are earned subsequent to the desertion, recover them in the same manner as the deserter could have recovered them if not forfeited; and the Court in any legal proceeding relating to such wages may order them to be paid accordingly.

(3) Where wages are forfeited under the foregoing provisions of this Act in any case other than for desertion, the forfeiture shall, in the absence of any specific provision to the contrary, be for the benefit of the master or owner by whom the wages are payable.

Decision of questions of forfeiture and deduction in suits for wages.

**110.** Any question concerning the forfeiture of or deductions from the wages of a seaman or apprentice may be determined in any proceeding lawfully instituted with respect to those wages notwithstanding that the offence in respect of which the question arises, though by this Act made punishable by imprisonment as well as forfeiture, has not been made the subject of any criminal proceeding.

Ascertainment of amount of forfeiture out of wages.

**111.** (1) If a seaman contracts for wages by the voyage or by the run or by the share and not by the month or other stated period of time, the amount of forfeiture to be incurred under this Act shall be an amount bearing the same proportion to the whole wages or share as a month or any other period hereinbefore mentioned in fixing the amount of forfeiture (as the case may be) bears to the whole time spent in the voyage or run.

(2) If the whole time spent in the voyage or run does not exceed the period for which the pay is to be forfeited, the forfeiture shall extend to the whole wages or share.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt."

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**112.** (1) Every fine imposed on a seaman for any act of misconduct for which his agreement imposes a fine shall be deducted and paid over as follows, namely :—

- (i) if the offender is discharged at any port or place in British India, and the offence and such entries in respect thereof as aforesaid are proved, in the case of a foreign-going ship to the satisfaction of the shipping-master before whom the offender is discharged, and in the case of a home-trade ship to the satisfaction of the shipping-master at or nearest to the place at which the crew is discharged, the master or owner shall deduct such fine from the wages of the offender and pay the same over to such shipping-master; and
- (ii) if before the final discharge of the crew in British India, any such offender as aforesaid enters into any of His Majesty's ships or is discharged at any place not in British India, and the offence and such entries as aforesaid are proved to the satisfaction of the officer in command of the ship into which he so enters or of the consular officer, officer of Customs, or other person by whose sanction he is so discharged, the fine shall thereupon be deducted as aforesaid, and an entry of such deduction shall then be made in the official log-book (if any) and signed by such officer or other person, and on the return of the ship to British India, the master or owner shall pay over such fine in the case of foreign-going ships to the shipping master before whom the crew is discharged, and in the case of home-trade ships to the shipping-master at or nearest to the place at which the crew is discharged.

(2) If any master or owner neglects or refuses so to pay over the fine, he shall for each such offence incur a penalty not exceeding six times the amount of the fine retained by him.

(3) An act of misconduct for which any such fine has been inflicted and paid shall not be otherwise punished under the provisions of this Act.

**113.** If a person by any means whatever persuades or attempts to persuade a seaman or apprentice to neglect or refuse to join or proceed to sea in or desert from his ship, or otherwise to absent himself from his duty, he shall for each offence in respect of each seaman or apprentice be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

**114.** If a person wilfully harbours or secretes a seaman or apprentice who has wilfully neglected or refused to join or has deserted from his ship, knowing or having reason to believe the seaman or apprentice to

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have so done, he shall for every seaman or apprentice so harboured or secreted be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

**Penalty on stowaways and discipline of stowaways and seamen carried under compulsion.**

**115.** (1) If a person secretes himself and goes to sea in a ship without the consent of either the owner, consignee or master, or of a mate, or of the person in charge of the ship or of any other person entitled to give that consent, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to four weeks.

(2) Every sea-faring person whom the master of a ship is under the authority of this Act or any other law compelled to take on board and convey, and every person who goes to sea in a ship without such consent as aforesaid, shall, so long as he remains in the ship, be subject to the same laws and regulations for preserving discipline and to the same fines and punishments for offences constituting or tending to a breach of discipline as if he were a member of, and had signed the agreement with, the crew.

**Procedure where seaman or apprentice not shipped in British India is imprisoned on complaint of master or owner.**

**116.** (1) If any seaman or apprentice who is not shipped in British India is imprisoned on complaint made by or on behalf of the master or owner of the ship or for any offence for which he has been sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month, then—

(a) while such imprisonment lasts, no person shall, without the previous sanction in writing of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or of such officer as <sup>2</sup>[it] may appoint in this behalf, engage any native of India to serve as a seaman on board such ship; and

(b) the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or such officer as <sup>2</sup>[it] may appoint in this behalf may tender such seaman or apprentice to the master or owner of the ship in which he is engaged to serve, and if such master or owner, without assigning reasons satisfactory to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or to such officer as aforesaid, refuses to receive him on board, may require such master or owner to deposit in the local shipping office—

(i) the wages due to such seaman or apprentice and his money and effects; and

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<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word “he” which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word “it”.

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(ii) such sum as may, in the opinion of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or such officer as aforesaid, be sufficient to defray the cost of the passage of such seaman or apprentice to the port at which he was shipped according to the scale of costs usual in the case of distressed seamen.

(2) If any person wilfully disobeys the prohibition contained in clause (a) of sub-section (1), he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or to both.

(3) Any master or owner refusing or neglecting to deposit any wages, money, effects or sum when so required by this section, shall be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

**117.** If any seaman or apprentice who is not shipped in British Power to India is imprisoned for any offence for which he has been sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month, and if during such imprisonment and before his engagement is at an end his services are required on board his ship, any Magistrate may, at the request of the master or owner or his agent, cause the seaman or apprentice to be conveyed on board the ship for the purpose of proceeding on the voyage or to be delivered to the master or any mate of the ship or to the owner or his agent to be by them so conveyed, notwithstanding that the period for which he was sentenced to imprisonment has not terminated.

**118.** (1) If during the progress of a voyage the master of any ship registered in British India is removed or superseded or for any other reason quits the ship and is succeeded in the command by some other person, he shall deliver to his successor the various documents relating to the navigation of the ship and the crew thereof which are in his custody, and shall in default be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

(2) Such successor shall immediately on assuming the command of the ship enter in the official log-book a list of the documents so delivered to him.

*Leaving Seamen or Apprentices in British India.*

**119.** (1) No seaman or apprentice who was not shipped in British India shall be discharged at any port in British India without the previous sanction in writing of such officer as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] appoints in this behalf. Such sanction shall be given or withheld at the discretion of the officer so appointed, but, whenever it is withheld, the reasons for so withholding it shall be recorded by him in writing.

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(2) If any person discharges a seaman or apprentice in wilful disobedience to the prohibition contained in sub-section (1), he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or to both.

*Official Logs.*

Official logs  
to be kept  
and to be  
dated.

**120.** (1) An official log shall be kept in every ship registered in British India except home-trade ships not exceeding three hundred tons burden in the form sanctioned by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

(2) The official log may, at the discretion of the master or owner, be kept distinct from or united with the ordinary ship's log so that in all cases the spaces in the official log-book be duly filled up.

(3) An entry required by this Act in the official log-book shall be made as soon as possible after the occurrence to which it relates, and, if not made on the same day as that occurrence, shall be made and dated so as to show the date of the occurrence and of the entry respecting it; and if made in respect of an occurrence happening before the arrival of the ship at her final port of discharge, shall not be made more than twenty-four hours after that arrival.

(4) Every entry in the official log-book shall be signed by the master and by the mate or some other of the crew and also—

(a) if it is an entry of injury or death, shall be signed by the Surgeon or medical practitioner on board, if any; and

(b) if it is an entry of wages due to or of the sale of the effects of a seaman or apprentice who dies, shall be signed by the mate and by some member of the crew besides the master; and

(c) if it is an entry of wages due to a seaman who enters His Majesty's naval service, shall be signed by the seaman or by the officer authorised to receive the seaman into that service.

(5) Every entry made in an official log-book in the manner provided by this Act shall be admissible in evidence.

Entries  
required  
in official  
log-book.

**121.** The master of a ship for which an official log is required shall enter or cause to be entered in the official log-book the following matters, namely:—

(i) every conviction by a legal tribunal of a member of his crew, and the punishment inflicted;

(ii) every offence committed by a member of his crew for which it is intended to prosecute or to enforce a forfeiture or exact a fine together with such statement concerning the

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- reading over of that entry, and concerning the reply (if any) made to the charge as is by this Act required;
- (iii) every offence for which punishment is inflicted on board and the punishment inflicted;
  - (iv) a statement of the conduct, character, and qualifications of each of his crew, or a statement that he declines to give an opinion on those particulars;
  - (v) every case of illness or injury happening to a member of the crew with the nature thereof, and the medical treatment adopted (if any);
  - (vi) every case of death happening on board and the cause thereof;
  - (vii) every birth happening on board with the sex of the infant and the names of the parents;
  - (viii) every marriage taking place on board with the names and ages of the parties;
  - (ix) the name of every seaman or apprentice who ceases to be a member of the crew otherwise than by death, with the place, time, manner and cause thereof;
  - (x) the wages due to any seaman who enters His Majesty's naval service during the voyage;
  - (xi) the wages due to any seaman or apprentice who dies during the voyage and the gross amount of all deductions to be made therefrom;
  - (xii) the sale of the effects of any seaman or apprentice who dies during the voyage, including a statement of each article sold and of the sum received for it;
  - (xiii) every collision with any other ship and the circumstances under which the same occurred;
  - <sup>1</sup>[(xiv) the times of closing and opening the hinged doors, portable plates, side scuttles, gangway cargo and coaling ports and other openings which are required by any rules made under this Act to be kept closed during navigation;
  - (xv) a record of all drills and inspections required by any rules made under this Act with an explicit record of any defects disclosed; and, if boat-drill is not practised on board the ship in any week, the reasons why boat-drill was not practised in that week.]

**122. (1)** If an official log-book is not kept in the manner required by this Act, or if an entry directed by this Act to be made therein is

Offences in  
respect of  
official logs.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 4.

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not made at the time and in the manner directed by this Act, the master shall, if no other penalty is provided by this Act, be liable for each offence to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

(2) If any person makes or procures to be made or assists in making any entry in any official log-book in respect of any occurrence happening previously to the arrival of the ship at her final port of discharge more than twenty-four hours after such arrival, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to three hundred rupees.

(3) If any person wilfully destroys or mutilates or renders illegible any entry in any official log-book or wilfully makes or procures to be made or assists in making a false or fraudulent entry in or omission from an official log-book, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year.

**Delivery of  
official logs  
to shipping  
masters.**

**123.** (1) The master of every foreign-going ship shall, within forty-eight hours after the ship's arrival at her final port of destination in British India or upon the discharge of the crew, whichever first happens, deliver the official log-book of the voyage to the shipping-master before whom the crew is discharged.

(2) The master or owner of every home-trade ship, for which an official log is required to be kept, shall, within twenty-one days of the thirtieth day of June and the thirty-first day of December in every year, transmit or deliver to some shipping-master in British India the official log-book for the preceding half-year.

(3) If the master or owner of a ship fails without reasonable cause to comply with this section, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

**Official logs  
to be sent  
to shipping  
master in  
case of  
transfer of  
ship and in  
case of loss.**

**124.** (1) Where, by reason of transfer of ownership or change of employment of a ship, the official log ceases to be required in respect of the ship or to be required on the same date, the master or owner of the ship shall, if the ship is then in British India, within one month, and, if she is elsewhere, within six months, after the cessation, deliver or transmit to the shipping-master at the port to which the ship belonged the official log-book, if any, duly made out at the time of the cessation.

(2) If a ship is lost or abandoned, the master or owner thereof shall, if practicable, and as soon as possible, deliver or transmit to the shipping-master at the port to which the ship belonged the official log-book, if any, duly made out to the time of the loss or abandonment.

(3) If the master or owner of the ship fails without reasonable cause to comply with the provisions of this section, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

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## PART III.

## PASSENGER SHIPS.

*Survey of Passenger Ship.*

**125.** (1) No steam-ship shall carry more than twelve passengers between places in British India or to or from any place in British India from or to any place out of British India, unless she has a certificate of survey under this Part in force and applicable to the voyage on which she is about to proceed or the service on which she is about to be employed.

No steam-  
ship to carry  
passengers  
without a  
certificate  
of survey.

(2) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall apply to—

- (a) any steam-ship having a certificate of survey granted by the Board of Trade, or by the Government of any part of His Majesty's dominions where such certificate has been declared under section 284 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, to be of the same force as if granted under that Act, unless it appears from the certificate that it is inapplicable to the voyage on which the steam-ship is about to proceed or the service on which she is about to be employed, or unless there is reason to believe that the steam-ship has, since the grant of the certificate, sustained injury or damage or been found unseaworthy or otherwise inefficient; or
- (b) any steam-ship having a certificate of survey granted under the Inland Steam Vessels Act, 1917, in force and applicable to the voyage on which the steam-ship is about to proceed or the service on which she is about to be employed; or
- (c) any steam-ship carrying passengers during the interval between the time at which her certificate of survey under this Part expires and the time at which it is first practicable to have the certificate renewed.

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Vict., c. 60.

1 of 1917.

**126.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* \* \* by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], declare that all or any of the provisions of this Part relating to the survey of steam-ships shall not apply in the case of any specified steam-ship or class of steam-ships, or shall apply thereto with such modifications as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may direct.

Power for  
Central  
Government  
to exempt  
certain  
steam-ships.

**127.** No officer of Customs shall grant a port-clearance, nor shall any pilot be assigned, to any steam-ship for which a certificate of survey

No port-  
clearance  
until certi-  
ficate of

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>2</sup> The words "with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C." rep. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 4 and Sch.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words "Gazette of India" which were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 5 and Sch., for the words "local official Gazette".

**survey produced.**

is required by this Part until after the production by the owner or master thereof of a certificate under this Part in force and applicable to the voyage on which she is about to proceed and the service on which she is about to be employed.

**Power to detain steam-ship not having certificate of survey.**

**128.** If any steam-ship for which a certificate of survey is required by this Part leaves or attempts to leave any port of survey without a certificate, any officer of Customs or any pilot on board the steam-ship may detain her until she obtains a certificate.

**Appointment of surveyors and ports of survey.**

**129.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may appoint so many persons as <sup>2</sup>[it] thinks fit to be surveyors for the purposes of this Part at such ports <sup>3</sup>[in British India] as <sup>2</sup>[it] may appoint to be ports of survey.

**Powers of surveyor.**

**130.** (1) For the purposes of a survey under this Part, any surveyor appointed under this Part may, at any reasonable time, go on board a steam-ship, and may inspect the steam-ship and any part thereof, and the machinery, equipments or articles on board thereof:

Provided that he does not unnecessarily hinder the loading or unloading of the steam-ship, or unnecessarily detain or delay her from proceeding on any voyage.

(2) The owner, master and officers of the steam-ship shall afford to the surveyor all reasonable facilities for a survey, and all such information respecting the steam-ship and her machinery and equipments, or any part thereof, respectively, as he reasonably requires.

**Fees in respect of surveys.**

**131.** Before a survey under this Part is commenced, the owner or master of the steam-ship to be surveyed shall pay to such officer as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may appoint in this behalf—

(a) a fee calculated on the tonnage of the steam-ship according to the rates in Schedule II or according to any other prescribed rates; and

(b) when the survey is to be made in any port or survey other than Calcutta, Madras, <sup>4</sup>[or Bombay], such additional fee, in respect of the expense (if any) of the journey of the surveyor to the port, as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>5</sup>[Official Gazette], direct.

**Power for Central Government to direct**

**132.** A survey under this Part shall ordinarily be made by one surveyor, but two surveyors may be employed if the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], by order in writing, so directs, either generally in the case of

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the I. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for "within the territories under its administration".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Bombay or Rangoon".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words "Gazette of India" which were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 5 and Sch., for the words "local official Gazette".

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all steam-ships at any port of survey, or specially in the case of any particular steam-ship or class of steam-ships at any such port. that two surveyors be employed.

**133.** When a survey is made under this Part by two surveyors, Division of each of the surveyors making the survey shall perform a prescribed portion of the duties assigned by this Part or the rules made thereunder to a surveyor making a survey. two surveyors employed.

**134.** When a survey under this Part is completed, the surveyor Declaration making it shall forthwith, if satisfied that he can with propriety do so, give to the owner or master of the steam-ship surveyed a declaration of survey in the prescribed form containing the following particulars, namely:—

- (a) that the hull and machinery of the steam-ship are sufficient for the service intended and in good condition;
- (b) that the equipments <sup>1</sup>[(including life-saving appliances and wireless telegraphy installation)] of the steam-ship and the certificates of the master, mate or mates, and engineer or engineers or engine-driver <sup>1</sup>[and of the wireless telegraphy operators and watchers], are such and in such condition as are required by any law for the time being in force and applicable to the steam-ship;
- (c) the time (if less than one year) for which the hull, machinery and equipments of the steam-ship will be sufficient;
- <sup>2</sup>[(d) the voyages or class of voyages on which, as regards construction, machinery and equipments, the steam-ship is in the surveyor's judgment fit to ply;]
- (e) the number of passengers which the steam-ship is, in the judgment of the surveyor, fit to carry, distinguishing, if necessary, between the respective numbers to be carried on the deck and in the cabins and in different parts of the deck and cabins; the number to be subject to such conditions and variations, according to the time of year, the nature of the voyage, the cargo carried or other circumstances as the case requires; and
- (f) any other prescribed particulars.

**135.** (7) The owner or master to whom a declaration of survey is given shall, within fourteen days after the date of the receipt thereof, send the declaration to such officer as the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may appoint in this behalf. Sending of declaration by owner or master to Central Government.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 5.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 5, *ibid.*, for the original clause.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

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(2) If he fails to do so, he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five rupees for every day during which the sending of the declaration is delayed.

(3) The owner or master shall pay any sum so forfeited on the delivery of the certificate of survey.

Grant of  
certificate of  
survey by  
Central  
Government.

**136.** (1) Upon receipt of a declaration of survey, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall, if satisfied that the provisions of this Part have been complied with, cause a certificate, in duplicate, to be prepared and delivered, through such officer at the port at which the steamship was surveyed as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may appoint in this behalf, to the owner or master of the steam-ship surveyed, on his applying and paying the sums (if any) mentioned in this Part as payable on delivery of a certificate.

(2) A certificate granted under this section shall be in the prescribed form; shall contain a statement to the effect that the provisions of this Part with respect to the survey of the steam-ship and the transmission of the declaration of survey in respect thereof have been complied with; and shall set forth—

- (a) the particulars concerning the steam-ship which clauses (c), (d) and (e) of section 134 require the declaration by the surveyor to contain; and
- (b) any other prescribed particulars.

(3) When a certificate is ready for delivery under this section, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall cause notice thereof to be given by post or otherwise to the owner or master of the steam-ship to which the certificate relates.

(4) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may delegate to any person—

- (a) the function, assigned to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] by sub-section (1), of granting a certificate of survey under that sub-section;
- (b) the function, assigned to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] by sub-section (3), of causing notice to be given of a certificate of survey being ready for delivery:

Provided, with respect to clause (a) of this sub-section, that no delegation of the function mentioned in that clause shall be construed to authorise the grant of a certificate of survey by the surveyor who gave the declaration of survey.

**137.** (1) If the surveyor or surveyors making a survey under this Act refuses or refuse to give a declaration of survey under section 134 with regard to any steam-ship, or gives or give a declaration with which the owner or master of the steam-ship surveyed is dissatisfied, the

Power for  
Central  
Government  
to order a  
second  
survey.

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<sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, on the application of the owner or master, and the payment by him of such fee, not exceeding twice the amount of the fee for the previous survey, as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may require, direct two other surveyors appointed under this Part to survey the steam-ship.

(2) The surveyors so directed shall forthwith survey the steam-ship, and may, after the survey, either refuse to give a declaration or give such declaration as under the circumstances seems to them proper, and their decision shall be final.

**138.** A certificate of survey granted under this Part shall not be Duration of certificates of survey.

in force—

- (a) after the expiration of one year from the date thereof; or
- (b) after the expiration of the period, if less than one year, for which the hull, boilers, engines or any of the equipments have been stated in the certificate to be sufficient; or
- (c) after notice has been given, by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], to the owner or master of the steam-ship to which the certificate relates that the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] has cancelled or suspended it.

**139.** Any certificate of survey granted under this Part may be cancelled or suspended by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] if <sup>2</sup>[it] has reason to believe—  
Cancellation or suspension of certificate of survey by Central Government.

- (a) that the declaration by the surveyor of the sufficiency and good condition of the hull, boilers, engines or any of the equipments of the steam-ship has been fraudulently or erroneously made; or
- (b) that the certificate has otherwise been issued upon false or erroneous information; <sup>3\*</sup> \*

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**139A.** (1) The owner or master of a steam-ship in respect of Alterations in steam-ships subsequent to grant of certificate of survey, and additional surveys.

which a certificate of survey has been granted under this Part, shall, as soon as possible after any alteration is made in the steam-ship's hull, equipments or machinery which affects the efficiency thereof or the seaworthiness of the steam-ship, give written notice to such person as the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may direct containing full particulars of the alteration.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

<sup>3</sup> The word "or" and cl. (c) rep. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 6.

<sup>4</sup> Ins. by s. 7, *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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(2) If the owner or master of a steam-ship, without reasonable cause, neglects to give the notice required by this section, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

(3) If the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] has reason to believe that since the making of the last declaration of survey in respect of a steam-ship—

(a) any such alteration as aforesaid has been made in the hull,

equipments or machinery of the steam-ship; or

(b) the hull, equipments or machinery of the steam-ship have sustained any injury or are otherwise insufficient,

the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may require the steam-ship to be again surveyed to such extent as <sup>2</sup>[it] may think fit, and, if such requirement is not complied with, may cancel any certificate of survey issued under this Part in respect of the said steam-ship.]

**Power to require delivery of expired or cancelled certificate of survey.**

**140.** (1) The <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may require any certificate of survey granted under this Part which has expired, or has been cancelled or suspended, to be delivered up to such person as <sup>4</sup>[it] directs.

(2) If the owner or master of a steam-ship, without reasonable cause, neglects or refuses to deliver up a certificate when required to do so under this section, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

**141.** [*Report of cancellation or suspension of certain certificates.*] *Rep. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (VI of 1928), s. 6 and Sch.*

**Certificate of survey to be affixed in conspicuous part of steam-ship.**

**142.** (1) The owner or master of every steam-ship for which a certificate of survey has been granted under this Part shall forthwith, on the receipt of the certificate, cause one of the duplicates thereof to be affixed, and kept affixed so long as the certificate remains in force and the steam-ship is in use, on some conspicuous part of the steam-ship where it may be easily read by all persons on board thereof.

(2) If the certificate is not so kept affixed, the owner and master of the steam-ship shall each be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

**Penalty for carrying passengers in contravention of the Act.**

**143.** If a steam-ship on any voyage carries or attempts to carry passengers in contravention of section 125, or has on board or in any part thereof a number of passengers which is greater than the number set forth in the certificate of survey as the number of passengers which the steam-ship or the part thereof is fit to carry on that voyage, the owner and the master shall each be punishable with a fine which may

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

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extend to one thousand rupees, and also with an additional fine not exceeding twenty rupees for every passenger above the number so set forth, or, if the fare of any passenger on board exceeds twenty rupees, not exceeding double the amount of the fares of all the passengers above the number so set forth, reckoned at the highest rate of fare payable by any passenger on board; and if the master or any other officer of any steam-ship which carries or attempts to carry passengers in contravention of section 125 is a licensed pilot, he shall be liable to have his licence as a pilot suspended or cancelled for any period by the [Central Government].

<sup>2</sup>[**143A.** (1) No steam-ship for which a certificate of survey is required by this Part shall carry as ballast or as cargo any goods which by reason of their nature, quantity or mode of stowage are either singly or collectively liable to endanger the lives of the passengers or the safety of the ship.

(2) The <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may, subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules determining what goods are to be considered dangerous goods and prescribing the precautions which must be taken in the package and stowage thereof.

(3) If goods are carried in any steam-ship in contravention of the provisions of this section or of the rules made thereunder, the owner or master shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to three thousand rupees and the steam-ship shall be deemed for the purpose of section 232 to be unsafe by reason of improper loading.]

**144.** (1) When a steam-ship requires to be furnished with a certificate of survey under this Part and the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] is satisfied, by the production of a certificate of survey <sup>4\*</sup> \* \* \*, that the ship has been officially surveyed at a foreign port, and that the requirements of this Act are proved by that survey to have been substantially complied with, the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may, if <sup>5</sup>[it] thinks fit, dispense with any further survey of the ship in respect of the requirements so complied with, and give a certificate which shall have the same effect as a certificate given after survey under this Part:

Provided that this sub-section shall not apply in the case of a foreign steam-ship to an official survey at any foreign port with respect to which His Majesty has by Order in Council directed that section 363 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, shall not apply.

57 & 58 Vict., c. 60.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 8.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> The words "attested by a British Consular Officer at the port where the survey was made" were rep. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 9.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

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(2) When the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] has, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], declared that <sup>3</sup>[it] is satisfied that an official survey at any foreign port specified in the declaration is such as to prove that the requirements of this Act have been substantially complied with, any person appointed by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf may exercise the power to dispense with a survey and to give a certificate conferred on the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] by sub-section (1) in the case of any steam-ship furnished with a valid certificate of survey granted at such foreign port <sup>4\*</sup> \* \* \*.

(3) The procedure prescribed in sub-section (1) shall be applicable in the case of steam-ships furnished with valid certificates of partial survey, including docking certificates, granted by the Board of Trade or any British Colonial Government, as if they were steam-ships furnished with like certificates of survey granted at foreign ports, subject to the modification that the powers of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] under the said sub-section may be exercised by any person appointed by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf.

**145.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, subject to the condition of previous publication <sup>5\*</sup> \* \* \*, make rules<sup>6</sup> to regulate the making of surveys under this Part.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may—

(a) declare the times and places at which, and the manner in which, surveys are to be made;

?[(aa) declare the requirements as to construction, machinery, equipments (including life-saving appliances and wireless telegraphy installation) and marking of sub-division load lines, which are to be fulfilled before a declaration of survey may be granted;]

(b) regulate the duties of the surveyor making a survey and, where two surveyors are employed, assign the respective duties of each of the surveyors employed;

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<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words “Gazette of India” which were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 5 and Sch., for the words “local official Gazette”.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word “he” which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word “it”.

<sup>4</sup> The words “and duly attested by the British Consular Officer at that port” were rep. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25. of 1933), s. 9.

<sup>5</sup> The words “and the sanction of the G. G. in C.” were rep. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 4 and Sch.

<sup>6</sup> See the Indian Merchant Shipping (Construction and Survey of Passenger Steamers) Rules, 1935, published with Commerce Department Notification No. 59—M. I (3)/33, dated 30th November, 1935.

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 10.

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- (c) declare the form in which the declarations of surveyors and certificates of survey under this Part are to be framed, and the nature of the particulars which are to be stated therein, respectively; and
- (d) fix the rates according to which the fees payable in respect of surveys are to be calculated in the case of all or any of the ports of survey \* \* \* \* .

<sup>2</sup>[145A. (1) The <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may, subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules<sup>4</sup> in respect of steam-ships for which a certificate of survey is required by this Part, regulating the provisions to be made for the safety of life at sea.

Power of  
Central  
Government  
to make  
rules as to  
safety of  
life.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may regulate—

- (a) the control of hinged doors, portable plates, side scuttles, gangway cargo and coaling ports and other openings;
- (b) the methods to be adopted and the appliances to be carried for the prevention, detection and extinction of fire;
- (c) the provision of means of making signals of distress and the supply of lights inextinguishable in water and fitted for attachment to life-buoys;
- (d) the provision of boats, life-boats, life-rafts and buoyant apparatus, their equipment, and the specifications with which they shall comply, and the marking of these so as to show the dimensions thereof and the number of persons that may be carried thereon;
- (e) the manning of boats and life-boats and the qualifications and certificates of life-boat men;
- (f) the provision to be made for mustering the passengers and crew and for embarking them in the boats and life-boats (including provision as to the lighting of, and as to the means of ingress to, and egress from, different parts of the ship);
- (g) the practising of boat drills; and
- (h) the assignment of specific duties to each member of the crew in the event of an emergency.

<sup>1</sup> The words “within the territories under its administration” rep. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 6 and Sch.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 11.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>4</sup> See the Indian Merchant Shipping (Control of Water-tight Openings) Rules, 1934, the Indian Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Rules, 1934, and the Indian Merchant Shipping (Life-saving Appliances) Rules, 1934, published respectively with Commerce Department Notifications Nos. 46-M. I (7)/34 and 46-M. I (6)/34, dated 22nd December, 1934 and No. 46-M. I. (12)/33, dated 5th January, 1935.

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(3) In making a rule under this section the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may direct that a breach of it shall be punishable with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, and, when the breach is a continuing breach, with a further fine which may extend to twenty rupees for every day after the first during which the breach continues.]

*Provisions in case of Wreck of Ship carrying Steerage Passengers.*

**146.** [*Application of certain sections of Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in case of wreck of ship carrying steerage passengers on certain voyages.*] *Rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1937 (XX of 1937), s. 3 and Sch. II.*

PART IV.

<sup>2</sup>[UNBERTHED PASSENGER SHIPS] AND PILGRIM SHIPS.

*Application of Part.*

**147.** (1) This Part applies—

- (a) to all subjects of His Majesty within <sup>3</sup>[any Indian State];
- (b) to all Indian subjects of His Majesty without and beyond British India.

(2) But the provisions of this Part relating to <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passenger ships] do not apply—

- <sup>4</sup>[(a) to any steam-ship not carrying more than sixty unberthed passengers;
- (b) to any ship not intended to carry unberthed passengers to or from any port in British India; or]
- (c) to any ships to which the provisions of the Inland Steam Vessels Act, 1917, are applicable.

I of 1917.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in sub-sections (1) and (2), the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may <sup>6\*</sup> \* \* \* \* declare all or any of the provisions of this Part relating to <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passenger ships] to apply to sailing-ships, or any class of sailing-ships, <sup>7</sup>[carrying more than fifteen unberthed passengers], and to steam-ships, or any class of steam-ships, <sup>8</sup>[carrying more than thirty such passengers].

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 12, for "Native Passenger Ships".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "the dominions of Princes and States in India".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 13, for the original clauses (a) and (b).

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>6</sup>The words "with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C." rep. by s. 4 and Sch., *ibid.*

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 13, for "carrying as passengers more than fifteen natives of Asia or Africa".

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 13, for "carrying as passengers more than thirty such persons".

## (Part IV.—Unberthed Passenger Ships and Pilgrim Ships.)

**148. (1)** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] <sup>2\*</sup> \* \* \* \* may, subject to such condition as <sup>3</sup>[it] thinks fit, exempt any ship or class of ships from any provision of this Part relating to <sup>4</sup>[unberthed passenger ships].

Power to  
exempt ship  
from pro-  
visions of  
Part IV.

(2) In imposing a condition under this section the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may direct that a breach of it shall be punishable with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, and, when the breach is a continuing breach, with a further fine which may extend to twenty rupees for every day after the first during which the breach continues.

**149.** In this Part, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject Definitions, or context,—

<sup>5</sup>[(1) “unberthed passenger” means a passenger of the age of twelve years or upwards for whom no separate accommodation in any cabin, state-room or saloon is reserved; but it does not include either a passenger in attendance on a person who is not an unberthed passenger or a child under one year of age; and, in the computation of passengers for any of the purposes of this Part, two persons of the age of one year or upwards and under the age of twelve years shall be reckoned as one unberthed passenger;]

(2) “[unberthed passenger ship]” means, save as otherwise provided in this Part, a ship carrying more than thirty “[unberthed passengers];

(3) “pilgrim” means a Muhammadan passenger going to, or returning from, the Hedjaz; but it does not include a child under one year of age, and, in the computation of pilgrims for all or any of the purposes of this Act, the <sup>6</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>7</sup>[Official Gazette], direct that two persons of the age of one year or upwards and under the age of twelve years shall be reckoned as one pilgrim;

*Explanation I.*—A Muhammadan passenger who has embarked with the intention of going to the Hedjaz, but is returning without having actually landed there, shall be deemed to be a pilgrim for the purposes of this Act;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.” The words “the G. G. in C.” were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words “the L. G.”

<sup>2</sup> The words “with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C.” rep. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 4 and Sch.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word “he” which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word “it”

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 12, for “native passenger ships”.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 14, *ibid.*, for the original clause.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for “native passenger ship”.

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for “native passengers”.

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

<sup>9</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “Gazette of India”.

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*Explanation II.*—Every passenger, whether a pilgrim or not, on board a pilgrim ship shall be deemed to be a pilgrim for the purposes of this Part;

(4) “pilgrim ship” means a ship conveying or about to convey pilgrims from or to any port in British India to or from any port in the Red Sea other than Suez:

Provided that no ship carrying passengers other than pilgrims of the lowest class and having on board pilgrims of the lowest class in a less proportion than one pilgrim for every one hundred tons of the gross tonnage of the ship shall be deemed to be a pilgrim ship within the meaning of this Act.

*Explanation.*—“A pilgrim of the lowest class” is a pilgrim for whom no separate accommodation in any cabin, state-room or saloon is reserved;

(5) “voyage” means the whole distance between the ship’s port or place of departure and her final port or place of arrival;

(6) “Chief Customs-officer” means the chief executive officer of sea-customs in any port or place to which this Part applies.

*General Provisions as to <sup>1</sup>[Unberthed Passenger] and Pilgrim Ships.*

Places appointed by the Government.

150. (1) An <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passenger ship] shall not, nor shall a pilgrim ship, depart or proceed from, or discharge <sup>3</sup>[unberthed passengers] or pilgrims, as the case may be, at any port or place within British India other than a port or place appointed in this behalf by the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] for <sup>5</sup>[unberthed passenger ships] or pilgrim ships, as the case may be.

(2) After a ship has departed or proceeded on a voyage from a port or place so appointed, a person shall not be received on board as an <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim, as the case may be, except at some other port or place so appointed.

Notice to be given of day of sailing.

151. (1) The master, owner or agent of an <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim ship so departing or proceeding shall give notice to an officer, appointed in this behalf by the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government], that the ship is to carry <sup>3</sup>[unberthed passengers] or pilgrims and of her destination and of the proposed time of sailing.

(2) The notice shall be given—

(a) in the case of an <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passenger ship] not less than twenty-four hours before that time;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 12, for “native passenger”.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for “native passenger ship”.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for “native passengers”.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.” The words “the G. G. in C.” were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words “the L. G.”

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 12, for “native passenger ships”.

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(b) in the case of a pilgrim ship at the original port of departure if in British India, and in other cases at the first port at which she touches in British India, not less than three days, and at all other ports not less than twenty-four hours before that time.

**152.** After receiving the notice, the officer or a person authorised by him shall be at liberty at all times to enter on and inspect her and her fittings and the provisions and stores on board.

**153.** (1) A ship intended to carry <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passengers] or pilgrims shall not commence a voyage from a port or place appointed under this Part, unless the master holds two certificates to the effect mentioned in the two next following sections.

(2) The officer whose duty it is to grant a port-clearance for the ship shall not grant it unless the master holds those certificates.

**154.** The first of the certificates (hereinafter called "certificate A") shall state that the ship is sea-worthy and properly equipped, fitted and ventilated, and—

- (a) in the case of an <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passenger ship], the number of passengers which she is capable of carrying;
- (b) in the case of a pilgrim ship, the number of pilgrims of each class which she is capable of carrying.

**155.** The second of the certificates (hereinafter called "certificate B") shall state—

(a) the voyage which the ship is to make, and the intermediate ports (if any) at which she is to touch;

(b) that she has the proper complement of officers and seamen;

\* \* \* \* \*

<sup>3</sup>[(c)] that the master holds certificate A;

<sup>3</sup>[(d)] in the case of an <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passenger ship], if the ship is to make a short voyage, as hereinafter defined, in a season of foul weather, and to carry upper-deck passengers, that she is furnished with substantial bulwarks and a double awning or with other sufficient protection against the weather;

<sup>3</sup>[(e)] in the case of an <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passenger ship], if she is to carry passengers to any port in the Red Sea, that she is <sup>4</sup>[propelled principally by machinery]

\* \* \* \*

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 12, for "native passengers".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for "native passenger ship".

<sup>3</sup> Cl. (c) was rep. and the original cl. (d), (e) and (f) were relettered (c), (d) and (e), respectively, by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (11 of 1933), s. 2.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 15, for "propelled principally by steam".

<sup>5</sup> The words "and, if she is to carry more than one hundred passengers to any such port, that she has on board a medical officer licensed in the prescribed manner", rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1937 (20 of 1937), s. 3 and Sch. II.

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- <sup>1</sup>[(ee) in the case of a ship which is to carry more than one hundred unberthed passengers, that she has on board a medical officer licensed in the prescribed manner;]
- <sup>2</sup>[(f) in the case of an <sup>3</sup>[unberthed passenger ship], that food, fuel and pure water over and above what is necessary for the crew, and the other things (if any) prescribed for <sup>4</sup>[unberthed passenger ships], have been placed on board, of the quality prescribed, properly packed, and sufficient to supply the <sup>5</sup>[unberthed passengers] on board during the voyage which the ship is to make (including such detention in quarantine as may be probable) according to the prescribed scale:

Provided that, if the officer appointed in this behalf by the <sup>6</sup>[Central Government] is satisfied that an <sup>7</sup>[unberthed passenger] has brought on board for his own use food of the quality and in the quantity prescribed, such <sup>7</sup>[unberthed passenger] shall not be included among the number of <sup>5</sup>[unberthed passengers] for the purpose of the supply of food under this clause;]

- (g) in the case of a pilgrim ship, that she is <sup>8</sup>[propelled principally by machinery] and that she is of the tonnage and <sup>9</sup>[power] (if any) prescribed;
- (h) in the case of a pilgrim ship, if she is to carry more than one hundred pilgrims, that she has on board the medical officer or officers required by this Part and the prescribed attendants; and
- <sup>2</sup>[(i) in the case of a pilgrim ship, that food and pure water over and above what is necessary for the crew, and the other things (if any) prescribed for pilgrim ships, have been placed on board, of the quality prescribed, properly packed and sufficient to supply the pilgrims on board during the voyage which the ship is to make (including such detention in quarantine as may be probable) according to the prescribed scale;]

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1937 (20 of 1937), s. 2 and Sch. I.

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1988 (11 of 1988), s. 2.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1988 (25 of 1993), s. 12, for "native passenger ship".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for "native passenger ships".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for "native passengers".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by Act 25 of 1988, s. 12, for "native passenger".

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by s. 15, *ibid.*, for "propelled principally by steam".

<sup>9</sup> Subs. by s. 15, *ibid.*, for "steam power".

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<sup>1</sup>[(j)] such other particulars, if any, as may be prescribed for  
<sup>2</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim ships, as the case may be.

**156.** [Supply by passengers of their own food.] *Rep. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (XI of 1933), s. 3.*

**157.** The person by whom certificate A and certificate B are to be granted shall be the officer appointed under section 151 who is herein after referred to as the certifying officer.

**158.** Where the master of a ship produces to the certifying officer one of the certificates of survey referred to in sections 136 and 144 in respect of the ship in force and applicable to the voyage on which the ship is to proceed or the service on which she is about to be employed, the certifying officer may, if the particulars required by section 154 are certified thereby, take the certificate as evidence of those particulars, and it shall then be deemed to be a certificate A for the purposes of this Part.

**159.** (1) After receiving the notice required by section 151 the certifying officer may, if he thinks fit, cause the ship to be surveyed at the expense of the master or owner by competent surveyors, who shall report to him whether the ship is, in their opinion, seaworthy and properly equipped, fitted and ventilated for the service on which she is to be employed:

Provided that he shall not cause a ship holding one of the certificates of survey referred to in Part III to be surveyed unless, by reason of the ship having met with damage or having undergone alterations, or on other reasonable ground, he considers it likely that she may be found unseaworthy or not properly equipped, fitted or ventilated for the service on which she is to be employed.

(2) If the officer causes a survey to be made of a ship holding any such certificate, and the surveyors report that the ship is seaworthy and properly equipped, fitted and ventilated for the voyage, and that there was no reasonable ground why the officer should have thought it likely that she would be found unseaworthy, or not properly equipped, fitted or ventilated for the service on which she is to be employed, the expense of the survey shall be paid by <sup>3\*</sup> \* \* \* <sup>4</sup>[the Central Government].

**160.** (1) The certifying officer shall not grant a certificate <sup>5</sup>[if he has reason to believe that the ship has] on board any cargo likely from its quality, quantity or mode of stowage to prejudice the health or safety of the <sup>6</sup>[unberthed passengers] or pilgrims.

<sup>1</sup> The original cl. (i) was relettered (j) by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (XI of 1933), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 12, for "native passenger".

<sup>3</sup> The words "the Local" were rep. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 6 and Sch.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 16, for "unless he is satisfied that the ship has not".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for "native passengers".

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(2) Save as aforesaid, and subject to the provisions of sub-section (3), it shall be in the discretion of the certifying officer to grant or withhold the certificate.

(3) In the exercise of that discretion that officer shall be subject to the control of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], and of any intermediate authority which <sup>2</sup>[it may appoint] in this behalf.

Copy of certificates to be exhibited.

**161.** The master or owner shall post up in a conspicuous part of the ship, so as to be visible to persons on board thereof, a copy of each of the certificates granted under this Part in respect of the ship, and shall keep those copies so posted up throughout the voyage.

Penalty for ship unlawfully departing or receiving passengers on board.

**162.** (1) If an <sup>3</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim ship departs or proceeds on a voyage from, or discharges <sup>4</sup>[unberthed passengers] or pilgrims at, any port or place within British India in contravention of the provisions of this Part, or if a person is received as an <sup>3</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim on board any such ship in contravention of the provisions of this Part, the master or owner shall, for every <sup>3</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim carried in the ship, or for every <sup>3</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim so discharged or received on board, be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month, or to both:

Provided that the aggregate term of imprisonment awarded under this section shall not exceed one year.

(2) The ship, if found within two years in any port or place within British India, may be seized and detained by a Chief Customs-officer until the penalties incurred under this Part by her master or owner have been adjudicated, and the payment of the fines imposed on him under this Part with all costs, has been enforced, under the provisions of this Part.

Penalty for opposing entry on, or inspection of, ships.

**163.** If a person impedes or refuses to allow any entry or inspection authorised by or under this Part, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees for each offence, or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or to both.

Penalty for not exhibiting copy of certificates.

**164.** If the master or owner of an <sup>3</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim ship without reasonable excuse, the burden of proving which shall lie upon him, fails to comply with the requirements of this Part with respect to the posting of copies of certificates, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month, or to both.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>2</sup> The words "he may appoint" were subs. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*, for "that Govt. appoints"; and the word "it" was subs. for the word "he" by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 12, for "native passenger".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for "native passengers".

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**165.** If the master of an <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim ship after having obtained any of the certificates mentioned in this Part fraudulently does or suffers to be done anything whereby the certificate becomes inapplicable to the altered state of the ship, her <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passengers] or pilgrims, as the case may be, or other matters to which the certificate relates, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or to both.

**166.** If the master of an <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger] <sup>3\*</sup> \* ship without reasonable excuse, the burden of proving which shall lie upon him, omits to supply to <sup>4</sup>[any unberthed passenger] the prescribed allowance of food, fuel and water, <sup>5</sup>[or, if the master of a pilgrim ship, without reasonable excuse, the burden of proving which shall lie upon him, omits to supply to any pilgrim the prescribed allowances of cooked and uncooked food and of water] as required by the provisions of this Part, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to twenty rupees for every <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim who has sustained detriment by the omission.

**167. (1)** If an <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim ship has on board a number of <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passengers] or pilgrims which is greater than the number allowed for the ship by or under this Part, the master and owner shall, for every such passenger or pilgrim over and above that number, be each liable to a fine which may extend to <sup>6</sup>[fifty] rupees, and the master shall further be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one week in respect of each such passenger or pilgrim:

Provided that the aggregate term of imprisonment awarded under this section shall not exceed six months.

(2) Any officer authorised in this behalf by the <sup>7</sup>[Central Government] may cause all <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passengers] or pilgrims over and above the number allowed by or under this Part to disembark, and may forward them to any port at which they may have contracted to land, and recover the cost of so forwarding them from the master or owner of the ship as if the cost were a fine imposed under this Part, and a certificate under the

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 12, for "native passenger".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for "native passengers".

<sup>3</sup> The words "or pilgrim" were rep. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (11 of 1933), s. 4.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 4, *ibid.*, and by Act 25 of 1933, s. 12, for "any passenger or pilgrim".

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by Act 11 of 1933, s. 4.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by s. 5, *ibid.*, for "twenty".

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the I. G."

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hand of that officer shall be conclusive proof of the amount of the cost aforesaid.

**Penalty for landing unberthed passenger or pilgrim at a place other than that at which he has contracted to land.**

**Penalty for making voyage in contravention of contract.**

**Information to be sent to ports of embarkation and discharge.**

**Report of Consul.**

**168.** If the master of an <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim ship lands any <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim at any port or place other than the port or place at which the <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim may have contracted to land, unless with his previous consent, or unless the landing is made necessary by perils of the sea or other unavoidable accident, the master shall, for every such offence, be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month, or to both.

**169.** If an <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim ship, otherwise than by reason of perils of the sea or other unavoidable accident, touches at any port or place in contravention of any express or implied contract or engagement with the <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passengers] or pilgrims with respect to the voyage which the ship was to make and the time which that voyage was to occupy, whether the contract or engagement was made by public advertisement or otherwise, the master and owner shall each be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or to both.

**170.** (1) The Chief Customs-officer, or other officer, if any, appointed by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf, at any port or place within British India at which an <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim ship touches or arrives, shall, with advertence to the provisions of this Part, send any particulars which he may deem important respecting the <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger] or pilgrim ship, and the <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passengers] or pilgrims carried therein, to the officer at the port or place from which the ship commenced her voyage, and to the officer at any other port or place within British India where the <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passengers] or pilgrims or any of them embarked or are to be discharged.

(2) The Chief Customs-officer, or other officer, if any, appointed by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf, at any port or place in British India at which a ship to which this Part applies touches or arrives, may enter on the ship and inspect her in order to ascertain whether the provisions of this Act as to the number of <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passengers] or pilgrims and other matters have been complied with.

**171.** In any proceeding for the adjudication of any penalty incurred under this Part any document purporting to be a report of such particulars as are referred to in sub-section (1) of the last foregoing section, or a copy of the proceedings of any Court of Justice duly authenticated,

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 12, for "native passenger".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for "native passengers".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

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and also any like document purporting to be made and signed by any person lawfully exercising consular authority on behalf of His Majesty in any foreign port, shall be received in evidence, if it appears to have been officially transmitted to any officer at or near the place where the proceeding under this Part is held.

**172.** The penalties to which masters and owners of <sup>1</sup>[unberthed Authority passenger] and pilgrim ships are made liable by this Part shall be to institute proceedings enforced only on information laid at the instance of a certifying officer, for penalties, or at any port or place where there is no such officer, at the instance of the Chief Customs-officer.

**173.** The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] shall appoint such persons as Appointees [it] thinks fit to exercise and perform the powers and duties which are conferred and imposed by this Part or may be conferred and imposed thereunder.

*Special Provisions relating to <sup>4</sup>[Unberthed Passenger Ships].*

**174.** (1) "Long voyage" means, subject to the provisions of this Definitions. Part relating to <sup>4</sup>[unberthed passenger ships], any voyage during which the ship performing it will in ordinary circumstances be one hundred and twenty hours or upwards continuously out of port.

(2) "Short voyage" means, subject to the provisions of this Part relating to <sup>4</sup>[unberthed passenger ships], any voyage during which the ship performing it will not in ordinary circumstances be one hundred and twenty hours continuously out of port.

**175.** The <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may declare, by notification in the Official Gazette, what shall be deemed to be, for the purposes of this Part relating to <sup>4</sup>[unberthed passenger ships], "seasons of fair weather" and "seasons of foul weather" and, for sailing-ships and steam-ships, respectively, a "long voyage" and a "short voyage".

**176.** (1) For seasons of fair weather, an <sup>7</sup>[unberthed passenger ship] performing a short voyage shall, subject to the provisions of this Part, contain in the between-decks at least six superficial feet and thirty-six cubic feet of space available for every between-decks

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 12, for "native passenger".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 12, for "native passenger ships".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 12, for "native passenger ship".

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passenger, and on the upper-deck at least four superficial feet available for each such passenger and six superficial feet available for each upper-deck passenger.

(2) For seasons of foul weather, an <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger ship] propelled by sails and performing a short voyage shall, subject as aforesaid, contain in the between-decks at least twelve superficial feet and seventy-two cubic feet of space available for every between-decks passenger, and on the upper-deck at least four superficial feet available for each such passenger and twelve superficial feet available for each upper-deck passenger.

(3) For seasons of foul weather an <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger ship] propelled by <sup>2</sup>[machinery], or partly by <sup>2</sup>[machinery] and partly by sails, and performing a short voyage shall, subject as aforesaid, contain in the between-decks at least nine superficial feet and fifty-four cubic feet of space available for every between-decks passenger, and on the upper-deck at least four superficial feet available for each such passenger and nine superficial feet available for each upper-deck passenger.

(4) In seasons of foul weather an <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger ship] shall not carry upper-deck passengers unless she is furnished with substantial bulwarks and a double awning or with other sufficient protection against the weather.

**177.** If an <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passenger ship] performing a short voyage takes additional <sup>3</sup>[unberthed passengers] on board at an intermediate port or place, the master shall obtain from the certifying officer at that port or place a supplementary certificate stating—

- (a) the number of <sup>3</sup>[unberthed passengers] so taken on board, and
- (b) that food, fuel and pure water over and above what is necessary for the crew, and the other things, if any, prescribed for the ship, have been placed on board, of the quality prescribed, properly packed and sufficient to supply the <sup>3</sup>[unberthed passengers] on board during the voyage which the ship is to make (including such detention in quarantine as may be probable) according to the scale for the time being prescribed:

Provided that, if the certificate B held by the master of the ship states that food, fuel and pure water over and above what is necessary for the crew, and the other things, if any, prescribed for her, have been placed on board, of the quality prescribed by the rules, properly packed and sufficient to supply the full number of <sup>3</sup>[unberthed passengers] which

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 12, for "native passenger ship".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1937 (20 of 1937), s. 2 and Sch. I., for "steam".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 12, for "native passengers".

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she is capable of carrying, the master shall not be bound to obtain any such supplementary certificate,<sup>1</sup> [but shall obtain from the certifying officer an endorsement on the certificate B showing the number of passengers taken on board, and the number of passengers discharged, at that port or place].

**178.** When the ship after performing a short voyage reaches her final port or place of arrival, the master shall notify to such officer as the<sup>2</sup> [Central Government] appoints in this behalf the date and supposed cause of death of every passenger dying on the voyage. Deaths on voyage.

**179.** (1) An<sup>3</sup> [unberthed passenger ship] propelled by sails and performing a long voyage shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, contain in the between-decks at least twelve superficial feet and seventy-two cubic feet of space available for every passenger. Space to be available for passengers.

(2) An<sup>3</sup> [unberthed passenger ship] propelled by<sup>4</sup> [machinery], or partly by<sup>4</sup> [machinery] and partly by sails, and performing a long voyage, shall, subject as aforesaid, contain in the between-decks at least nine superficial feet and fifty-four cubic feet of space available for every passenger.

**180.** The master of an<sup>3</sup> [unberthed passenger ship] departing or proceeding on a long voyage from any port or place in British India shall sign two statements, specifying the number and the respective sexes of all the<sup>5</sup> [unberthed passengers], and the number of the crew, and shall deliver them to the certifying officer, who shall thereupon, after having first satisfied himself that the numbers are correct, countersign and return to the master one of the statements. Statements concerning passengers.

**181.** The master of any such ship shall note in writing on the statement returned to him, and on any additional statement to be made under the next following section, the date and supposed cause of death of any<sup>6</sup> [unberthed passenger] who may die on the voyage, and shall, when the ship arrives at her port or place of destination or at any port or place where it may be intended to land<sup>5</sup> [unberthed passengers], and before any passenger leaves the ship, produce the statement with any additions made thereto to a person lawfully exercising consular authority on behalf of His Majesty at the port or place, or to the Chief Customs-officer thereat or the certifying officer, if any, appointed there. Deaths on voyage.

**182.** (1) In either of the following cases, namely,—

(a) if after the ship has departed or proceeded on a long voyage any additional<sup>5</sup> [unberthed passengers] are taken on board

Ship taking additional passengers at intermediate place.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 17.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 12, for "native passenger ship".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 18, *ibid.*, for "steam".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for "native passengers".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for "native passenger".

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at a port or place within British India appointed under this Part for the embarkation of <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passengers], or

(b) if the ship upon her voyage touches or arrives at any such port or place, having previously received on board additional <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passengers] at any place beyond British India,

the master shall obtain a fresh certificate to the effect of certificate B from the certifying officer at that port or place, and shall make additional statements specifying the number and the respective sexes of all the additional passengers.

(2) All the foregoing provisions of this Part with respect to certificate B and statements concerning <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passengers] shall be applicable to any certificate granted or statement made under this section.

Certain ships  
to be pro-  
pelled by  
machinery.

**183.** (1) A ship carrying <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passengers] from or to any port in British India to or from any port in the Red Sea shall be propelled principally by <sup>2</sup>[machinery].

(2) If this section is not complied with, the master and owner shall each be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees or to imprisonment which may extend to three months, or to both.

Certain ships  
to carry  
medical  
officer.

**184.** (1) A ship carrying more than one hundred <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passengers] <sup>\*\* \* \*</sup> shall have on board a medical officer licensed in the prescribed manner.

(2) If this section is not complied with, the master shall be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or to both.

**185 to 188.** [*Ships carrying passengers to or from port in Red Sea to touch at Aden. Bill of health at Aden. Bond where ship clears for port in Red Sea. Power for Governor General in Council to direct medical inspection of passengers.*] Rep. by the A. O.

Penalty for  
not comply-  
ing with  
require-  
ments as  
to statements  
concerning  
passengers  
and certain  
other  
matters.

**189.** If a master fails to comply with any of the requirements of section 180 or section 181 as to the statements concerning <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passengers], or wilfully makes any false entry or note in or on any such statement, or without reasonable excuse, the burden of proving which shall lie upon him, fails to obtain any such supplementary certificate as is mentioned in section 177 or to report deaths as required by section 178 or to obtain any such fresh certificate, or to make any such statement of the number of additional <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passengers], as is mentioned in section 182, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 12, for "native passengers".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 19; *ibid.*, for "steam".

<sup>3</sup> The words "from or to any port in British India to or from any port in the Red Sea" rep. by s. 20, *ibid.*

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five hundred rupees for every such offence, or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or to both.

**190.** If a ship carrying <sup>1</sup>[unberthed passengers] from any port or place beyond British India to any port or place in British India has on board a number of passengers greater either than the number allowed for the ship by or under this Part or than the number allowed by the port in excess of authorised licence or certificate, if any, granted in respect of the ship at her port of departure, the master and owner shall, for every <sup>2</sup>[unberthed passenger] in excess of that number, be each liable to a fine which may extend to twenty rupees.

**191.** (1) The <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may make rules<sup>4</sup> consistent with this Part to regulate, in the case of any <sup>5</sup>[unberthed passenger ship] or class of such ships, all or any of the following matters, to make rules.

- (a) the scale on which food, fuel and water are to be supplied to the passengers or to any class or classes of passengers, and the quality of the food, fuel and water;
- (b) the medical stores and other appliances and fittings to be provided on board for maintaining health, cleanliness and decency;
- (c) the licensing and appointment of medical officers in cases where they are required by this Part to be carried;
- (d) the boats, anchors and cables to be provided on board;
- (e) the instruments for purposes of navigation to be supplied;
- (f) the apparatus for the purpose of extinguishing fires on board and the precautions to be taken to prevent such fires;
- (g) the provision of appliances for saving life and of means for making signals of distress, and the supply of lights extinguishable in water and fitted for attachment to life-buoys;
- (h) the functions of the master, medical officer (if any) and other officers of the ship during the voyage;
- (i) the access of between-decks passengers to the upper-deck;\*
- \*[(j) the local limits within which, and the time and mode at and in which, passengers are to be embarked or discharged at any port or place appointed under this Part in that behalf;]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 12, for "native passengers".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for "native passenger".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>4</sup> For such rules, see Gen. R. & O., Vol. V, p. 443.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 12, for "native passenger ship".

\* The word "and" rep. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 6 and Sch.

\* Cls. (j) and (k) were ins. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*

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(k) the time within which the ship or any ship of the class is to depart or proceed on her voyage after commencing to take passengers on board; and]

<sup>1</sup>[(l)] generally, to carry out the purposes of this Part.

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<sup>3</sup>[(2)] In making a rule under this section, the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] may direct that a breach of it shall be punishable with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, and, when the breach is a continuing breach, with a further fine which may extend to twenty rupees for every day after the first during which the breach continues.

<sup>3</sup>[(3)] The power to make rules under this section is subject to the condition of the rules being made after previous publication.

Power to prescribe space to be available for passengers.

**192.** The <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may by order prescribe, in the case of any <sup>6</sup>[unberthed passenger ship] or class of such ships and for all or any voyages, the number of superficial or of cubic feet of space to be available for <sup>7</sup>[unberthed passengers]; and the order shall be alternative to, or override, as the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may direct, the requirements on that subject of this Part so far as they apply to that ship or class of ships.

*Special Provisions regarding Pilgrim Ships.*

Space to be provided for pilgrims.

**193.** (1) The <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may by order determine the number of superficial and cubic feet of space (not being less than <sup>8</sup>[sixteen and ninety-six respectively]) to be available in the between-decks for pilgrims of each class, respectively, on board pilgrim ships.

(2) Every pilgrim ship shall have reserved for the use of the pilgrims on board gratuitously by day and by night so much of the upper deck as is not required for the airing space of the crew or for permanent structures:

Provided that the upper deck space available for pilgrims shall in no case be less than six superficial feet for each pilgrim of the age of twelve years or upwards on board.

(3) Subject as aforesaid and to any rules which may be made under this Act, such space may be allotted among the different classes of pilgrims in such proportion as may be thought fit:

<sup>1</sup> The original cl. (j) was relettered (l) by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 6 and Sch.

<sup>2</sup> The original sub-section (2) rep. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> The original sub-sections (3) and (4) were renumbered (2) and (3) respectively by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words "G. G. in C." which were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for the words "authority making it".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 12, for "native passenger ship".

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for "native passengers".

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (11 of 1933), s. 6, for "the space for the time being required for passengers under this Act".

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Provided that not less space shall be allotted to any one class than will provide six superficial feet of space available for each pilgrim of the age of twelve years or upwards of that class on board.

**194.** The baggage of all pilgrims shall be disposed of on board in such manner as may be prescribed. Disposal of pilgrims' baggage.

**195.** There shall be a regularly appointed hospital on board every pilgrim ship, offering such conditions of security, health and space, and capable of accommodating such number, not exceeding five per cent. of the pilgrims embarked, as may be prescribed. Hospital accommodation.

**196.** The master of every pilgrim ship departing or proceeding from any port or place in British India shall sign a statement in duplicate in the prescribed form specifying the total number and the number of each sex of all the pilgrims embarked and the number of the crew, and such other particulars as may be prescribed, and shall deliver both copies to the certifying officer who shall thereupon, after having first satisfied himself that the entries are correct, countersign and return to the master one of the copies. Statement concerning pilgrims to be delivered before ship departs.

**197.** The master of every pilgrim ship shall note in writing on the copy of the statement returned to him under the last foregoing section, and on any additional statement to be made under the next following section, the date and supposed cause of death of any pilgrim who may die on the voyage, and shall, when the pilgrim ship arrives at her port or place of destination or at any port or place at which it may be intended to land pilgrims, and before any pilgrims disembark, produce the statement, with any additions thereto made, to a person lawfully exercising consular authority on behalf of His Majesty at the port or place or to the Chief Customs-officer thereat or the certifying officer (if any) appointed there. Deaths on voyage.

**198.** (1) In either of the following cases, namely:—

(a) if, after a pilgrim ship has departed or proceeded on her voyage, any additional pilgrims are taken on board at a port or place within British India appointed under this Act for the embarkation of pilgrims, or Pilgrim ship taking additional pilgrims at intermediate place.

(b) if a pilgrim ship upon her voyage touches or arrives at any such port or place, having previously received on board additional pilgrims at any place beyond British India,

the master shall obtain a fresh certificate to the effect of certificate B from the certifying officer at that port or place, and shall furnish an additional statement, in duplicate in the prescribed form, respecting such additional pilgrims.

(2) All the foregoing provisions of this Part with respect to certificate B, and the statement concerning pilgrims to be signed and delivered by the masters of pilgrim ships, shall be applicable to any certificate granted or statement furnished under this section.

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Statement concerning pilgrims to be delivered before pilgrims disembark in British India.

Pilgrim ships to be propelled principally by machinery and to be of certain tonnage and power.

Certain pilgrim ships to carry medical officers and attendants.

Medical officers' diaries and reports.

Pilgrim ships to touch at Aden on the outward voyage.

**199.** The master of every pilgrim ship arriving at any port or place in British India at which it may be intended to discharge pilgrims, shall, before any pilgrims disembark, deliver a statement signed by him specifying the total number and the number of each sex of all the pilgrims on board and the number of the crew, and such other particulars as may be prescribed to the certifying officer appointed thereat.

**200.** (1) Every pilgrim ship shall be <sup>1</sup>[propelled principally by machinery], and shall be of the tonnage and <sup>2</sup>[power] (if any) prescribed.

(2) If this section is not complied with, the master and owner shall each be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or to imprisonment which may extend to three months, or to both.

**201.** (1) Every pilgrim ship carrying more than one hundred pilgrims shall have on board a medical officer licensed as prescribed and, if the number carried exceed one thousand, a second medical officer similarly licensed, and also in all cases such attendants as may be prescribed, <sup>3</sup>[and such medical officers and attendants shall give their services free to all sick pilgrims on board].

(2) <sup>4</sup>[If medical officers and attendants are not carried on a pilgrim ship in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1)], the master shall be liable to a fine which may extend to <sup>5</sup>[three thousand] rupees, or to imprisonment which may extend to three months, or to both.

<sup>6</sup>[(3) Any medical officer or attendant on a pilgrim ship who charges any pilgrim on such ship for his services shall be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.]

**202.** The medical officer or officers of every pilgrim ship shall keep such diaries, and shall submit such reports or other returns as may be prescribed.

**203.** (1) <sup>7</sup>[Any officer empowered by the <sup>8</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf may, by order in writing, require any pilgrim ship proceeding from any port in British India <sup>9\*</sup> \* \* \* \* to any port in the Red

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 21, for "propelled principally by steam".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 21, *ibid.*, for "steam-power".

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (11 of 1933), s. 7.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 7, *ibid.*, for "If this section is not complied with".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 7, *ibid.*, for "five hundred".

<sup>6</sup> Ins. by s. 7, *ibid.*

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1925 (11 of 1925), s. 2, for "Every pilgrim ship, proceeding from any port in British India other than Aden to any port in the Red Sea, shall touch at Aden, and shall not leave".

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>9</sup> The words "other than Aden" rep. by the A. O.

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Sea, to touch at Aden and not to leave] that port without having obtained from the proper authority a certificate stating whether any case of cholera has or has not occurred on board since the ship left the port of last departure.

(2) If the master of any such ship, <sup>1</sup>[in respect of which an order has been made under this section] without reasonable excuse, the burden of proving which shall lie upon him, fails to touch at Aden, or leaves that port without having obtained the certificate required <sup>2</sup>[under this section], he shall for every such offence be liable to a fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or to both.

**204.** [When authority at Aden may refuse to let ship leave.] Rep. by the A. O.

<sup>3</sup>[205. (1) Port-clearance shall not be granted from any port in British India to any pilgrim ship unless the master, owner or agent and two sureties resident in British India have executed, in favour of the <sup>bond where  
pilgrim ship  
proceeds on  
outward  
voyage.</sup> <sup>4</sup>[Central Government], a joint and several bond for the sum of ten thousand rupees covering all voyages which may be made by the ship in the current pilgrim season, conditioned that—

(a) <sup>5\*</sup> \* \* \* \* the ship shall, if so required by an order under section 203, touch at Aden on the outward voyage and there obtain the certificate required under that section,

(b) the master and medical officer or officers, if any, shall comply with the provisions of this Part and the rules made thereunder, and

(c) the master, owner or agent (as the case may be) shall pay any sum claimed by the <sup>6</sup>[Central Government] under section 209A.

(2) A bond may be given under this section covering any or all of the pilgrim ships owned by one owner, and in such cases the amount of the bond shall be ten thousand rupees for each ship covered.]

**206.** (1) No pilgrim shall be received on board any pilgrim ship at any port or place in British India unless and until he has been medically <sup>Medical  
inspection  
and per-  
inspected,</sup> <sup>7</sup>[Central mission  
required inspected, at such time and place, and in such manner, as the

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1925 (11 of 1925), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 2, *ibid.*, for "by this section".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (11 of 1933), s. 8, for the original section.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Secretary of State for India in Council".

<sup>5</sup> The words "where any voyage does not begin at Aden" rep. by the A. O.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

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**before em-  
barkation  
of pilgrims.** Government] may fix in this behalf nor until the certifying officer has given permission for the embarkation of pilgrims to commence.

<sup>1</sup>[(A) No pilgrim shall be received on board any pilgrim ship unless he produces medical certificates signed by persons who, in the opinion of the officer making an inspection under this section, are duly qualified to grant such certificates, showing that such pilgrim—

- (a) has been inoculated against cholera within six months before the inspection, and
- (b) has been vaccinated against small-pox within five years before the inspection :

Provided that the officer making the inspection may dispense with the certificate of vaccination, if in his opinion the pilgrim has marks showing that he has had small-pox.]

(2) If, in the opinion of the officer making an inspection under this section, any pilgrim is suffering from cholera or choleraic indisposition, or any dangerously infectious or contagious disease, or shows any signs of the same or any other suspicious symptoms, such pilgrim shall not be permitted to embark.

(3) All articles which have been contaminated by persons suffering from cholera or choleraic indisposition, or any dangerously infectious or contagious disease, or are suspected of having been so contaminated shall, before being taken on board a pilgrim ship, be disinfected, under the supervision of a medical officer appointed by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] for the purpose, in such manner as may be prescribed.

(4) If the master of any such ship knowingly receives on board any pilgrim or contaminated article in contravention of this section, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees for each pilgrim, or fifty rupees for each article so received, or to imprisonment which may extend to three months, or to both.

**207.** (1) If in any case a pilgrim ship does not proceed on her voyage within forty-eight hours after all the pilgrims have been received on board, and there is reason to suspect that any person on board is suffering from cholera or choleraic indisposition or any dangerously infectious or contagious disease, a medical inspection of all persons on board may be held in such manner as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may direct.

(2) If on such inspection any person is found to be suffering from cholera or choleraic indisposition or any dangerously infectious or contagious disease, or shows any signs of the same or any other suspicious

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<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (11 of 1933), s. 9.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

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symptoms, he shall, together with all articles belonging to him, be at once removed from the ship.

(3) If the master of any such ship knowingly keeps on board any pilgrim or article ordered to be removed under this section, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees for each pilgrim, or to fifty rupees for each article, so kept on board, or to imprisonment which may extend to three months, or to both.

**208.** So far as may be practicable, and subject to any rules which Medical inspection may be made under this Act, the medical inspection of female pilgrims of women shall be carried out by women.

<sup>1</sup>[**208A.** No pilgrim shall be received on board any pilgrim ship Conditions at any port or place in British India for conveyance in the lowest class for securing return available on the ship, unless he—  
<sup>2</sup>passages for pilgrims.

(a) is in possession of a return ticket, or

(b) has deposited with the prescribed person such sum for the purpose of defraying the cost of a return ticket as the  
<sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may specify by notification in the  
<sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette]:

<sup>4</sup>[Provided that the prescribed person may exempt any pilgrim from any or all of the above requirements, if he is satisfied that it is inexpedient, in the special circumstances of the case, to enforce them.]]

<sup>5</sup>[**208B.** (1) Every pilgrim travelling on a pilgrim ship shall be Issue or production entitled, on payment of his passage-money and fulfilment of other of tickets. prescribed conditions, if any, to receive a ticket in the prescribed form, and shall be bound to produce it to such officers and on such occasions as may be prescribed and otherwise to deal with it in the prescribed manner:

Provided that no pilgrim, who has not been exempted under the proviso to section 208A, shall be given a ticket other than a return ticket unless he has made the deposit required by that section.

(2) Any ticket issued to a pilgrim for a voyage on a pilgrim ship shall entitle him to receive food and water, on the scale and of the quality prescribed, free of further charge, throughout the voyage.

**208C.** (1) Every pilgrim prevented from embarking under section 206, or removed from the ship under section 207, or otherwise prevented from proceeding shall be entitled to the refund of any passage-money which he may have paid, and of any deposit which he may have made under section 208A.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1925 (11 of 1925), s. 5.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (11 of 1933), s. 10, for the original proviso.

<sup>5</sup> Ss. 208B, 208C and 209 were subs. by s. 11, *ibid.*, for the original s. 209.

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(2) Any pilgrim who, within eighteen months of his sailing from British India, satisfies His Majesty's Representative at Jeddah that he intends to remain in the Hedjaz or to return to India by a route other than the route by which he came from India, shall be entitled to a refund of any deposit made by him under section 208A, or, if he is in possession of a return ticket, to a refund of half the passage-money paid by him.

(3) Where any pilgrim dies in the Hedjaz or on the voyage thereto, any person nominated by him in this behalf in writing in the prescribed manner, or, if no person has been so nominated, his legal representative, shall be entitled to a refund of any deposit made by such pilgrim under section 208A, or, if such pilgrim was in possession of a return ticket, to a refund of half the passage-money paid by such pilgrim.

(4) Where any pilgrim fails to return to British India from the Hedjaz within eighteen months of his sailing from India, or returns to India by a route other than the route by which he came from India, he or any person nominated by him in this behalf in writing in the prescribed manner shall be entitled to a refund of any deposit made by such pilgrim under section 208A, or, if such pilgrim was in possession of a return ticket, to a refund of half the passage-money paid by such pilgrim, except where such deposit or passage-money has already been refunded under this section.

(5) Refunds under sub-sections (1), (2), (3) and (4) of deposits shall be subject to such conditions and of passage-money to such deductions and conditions as may be prescribed.

Unclaimed  
deposits and  
passage-  
money to  
lapse to  
Government.

**209.** (1) All deposits made under section 208A which have been unclaimed for the prescribed period shall <sup>1</sup>[vest in His Majesty for the purposes of the Central Government].

(2) If any pilgrim entitled to a refund of passage-money under sub-section (1) of section 208C does not claim such refund within the prescribed period, or if any pilgrim who has purchased a return ticket does not on the basis of such ticket obtain a return passage from the Hedjaz within the prescribed period and the value of the return half of such ticket has not been refunded under sub-section (2) or sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) of section 208C, such passage-money or value shall, subject to the exercise of the rights conferred by sub-section (4) of section 208C, <sup>1</sup>[vest in His Majesty for the purposes of the Central Government] and <sup>2</sup>[shall be paid to the Central Government] by the master, owner or agent to whom it was paid.]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "become the property of Govt."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "shall be paid to Govt."

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<sup>1</sup>[**209A.** (1) <sup>2</sup>[Where any pilgrim who has been carried to the Hedjaz by a pilgrim ship] with a return ticket issued in British India within the previous eighteen months is owing to his inability to obtain accommodation on a ship for which the return ticket is available, detained at Jeddah for a longer period than twenty-five days from the day on which he presents his ticket to <sup>3\*</sup> \* <sup>4</sup>[His Majesty's Representative] at Jeddah, notifying his desire to embark for the return passage, the <sup>5</sup>[master, owner or agent of the ship in which such pilgrim was carried to the Hedjaz] shall pay to the <sup>6</sup>[Central Government] in respect of such pilgrim such sum not exceeding double the whole sum received by such master, owner or agent in respect of the return ticket as the <sup>6</sup>[Central Government] claims as the cost of repatriating the pilgrim, together with a sum of one rupee for each day after the expiry of the twenty-five days aforesaid during which the pilgrim has been detained at Jeddah:

Provided that, for the purpose of computing the said period of twenty-five days, no period shall be taken into account during which the ship is prevented from carrying pilgrims on the return passage by reason of the port of Jeddah having been declared by proper authority to be infected or by reason of war disturbance or any other cause not arising from any act or default of the master, owner or agent:

<sup>7</sup>[Provided, further, that, in the case of any pilgrim whose ticket has been deposited with His Majesty's Representative at Jeddah the said period of twenty-five days shall, during the period of six weeks following the Haj day, be reduced to fifteen days beginning on the day on which such pilgrim notifies to His Majesty's Representative at Jeddah his desire to embark for the return passage.]

(2) A certificate of such detention purporting to be made and signed by <sup>3\*</sup> \* <sup>4</sup>[His Majesty's Representative] at Jeddah shall be received in evidence in any Court in British India without proof of the signature or of the official character of the person who has signed the same.]

<sup>8</sup>[**209B.** (1) The master, owner or agent of any ship which is intended to sail on a voyage as a pilgrim ship from any port or place in

Notice of  
sailing of  
pilgrim ship.

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1925 (11 of 1925), s. 7.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (11 of 1933), s. 12, for the original words.

<sup>3</sup> The word "the" rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1935 (12 of 1935), s. 3 and Sch. II.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by Act 11 of 1933, s. 12, for "British Consul".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by s. 12, *ibid.*, for "master, owner or agent aforesaid".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by Act 11 of 1933, s. 12.

<sup>8</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1927 (14 of 1927), s. 2.

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British India shall, before advertising such ship for the conveyance of pilgrims or offering to convey any pilgrim by such ship or selling or permitting any person to sell a passage ticket to any pilgrim for conveyance by such ship, supply to the prescribed officer (hereinafter referred to as the Pilgrim Officer) at the port or place from which the ship is to commence the voyage, and at each port or place in British India at which it is to touch for the purpose of embarking pilgrims, full particulars as to the class, tonnage and age of the ship, the maximum number of passage tickets of each class to be issued, the maximum price of each class of ticket, the date on which the ship is to sail from that port or place, the ports, if any, at which it is to touch, the place of its destination, and the probable date of its arrival thereat.

(2) The master, owner or agent shall supply to the Pilgrim Officer, within three days from the date of demand, such further information in regard to the matters mentioned in sub-section (1) as that officer may in writing demand from him.

(3) <sup>1</sup>[Before such reasonable and sufficient interval] as may be prescribed before the date of the sailing of any such ship from any port or place in British India, the master, owner or agent of the ship shall advertise at such port or place in such manner as may be prescribed—

- (a) the place of destination of the ship,
- (b) the proposed date of sailing from that port or place which shall be the date communicated to the Pilgrim Officer under sub-section (1), and
- (c) the price of each class of passage tickets, which shall not be in excess of the price communicated to the Pilgrim Officer under sub-section (1).

(4) Any master, owner or agent, who—

- (a) without reasonable cause, the burden of proving which shall lie upon him, fails or refuses to supply any particulars or information which he is by or under this section required to supply or supplies false particulars or information, or
- (b) advertises any ship for the conveyance of pilgrims, or offers to convey pilgrims by any ship, or sells or promises or permits any person to sell passage tickets to pilgrims for conveyance by any ship, without having first supplied the particulars required by sub-section (1) and in accordance with the provisions of that sub-section, or
- (c) advertises a date of sailing from any port or place other than the date communicated to the Pilgrim Officer at that port

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (11 of 1933), s. 13, for "within such time".

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or place under sub-section (1), or advertises a price for passage tickets at that port or place in excess of the price so communicated, or

- (d) offers to convey pilgrims by any ship from any port or place in British India or sells or promises or permits any person to sell passage tickets to pilgrims for conveyance by a ship from any such port or place without having made advertisement, as required by sub-section (3) of the matters specified in that sub-section, or
- (e) sells or permits any person to sell to any pilgrim any passage ticket at a price in excess of the price communicated to the Pilgrim Officer under sub-section (1),

shall be punishable with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees.]

<sup>1</sup>[**209C.** (1) If the pilgrim ship fails to proceed from any port or place on the date advertised under sub-section (3) of section 209B as the date of sailing therefrom, the master, owner or agent shall become liable to pay as compensation to each pilgrim who has paid his passage money on or before such date the sum of one rupee for each completed day during which the sailing of the ship is delayed after that date:

Compensa-  
tion for  
delay in  
sailing.

Provided that such compensation shall not be payable in respect of any period during which the departure of the ship is impossible owing to any cause not arising from the act or default of the master, owner or agent, and the burden of proving such cause shall lie on such master, owner or agent:

Provided, further, that, where compensation has been paid or has become payable to any pilgrim in respect of delay in the sailing of the ship from any port or place and the sailing of the ship from any other port or place is thereafter delayed beyond the date advertised in that behalf, the pilgrim shall be entitled to compensation only in respect of any period by which the duration of such further delay exceeds the duration of the delay in respect of which he has already received or become entitled to compensation.

(2) In the event of such failure, the master, owner or agent shall be bound forthwith to inform the Pilgrim Officer at the port or place at which the delay occurs of the number of passage tickets of each class which have been issued for the voyage on or before the advertised date of sailing.

(3) Any sum payable as compensation under sub-section (1) shall be paid on behalf of the pilgrims entitled thereto to the Pilgrim Officer at the port or place at which the delay occurs on receipt by the master, owner or agent of a notice from that officer specifying the sum payable,

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1927 (14 of 1927), s. 2.

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and that officer shall, in such manner as may be prescribed, pay to each such pilgrim the compensation paid in respect of his detention:

Provided that, if an objection is made by the master, owner or agent that the sum specified in any such notice or any part of such sum is not payable by him, the sum paid or, as the case may be, the balance thereof remaining after payment to the pilgrims entitled thereto of compensation the right to which is not in dispute, shall be held in deposit until the objection has been decided:

Provided, further, that, if for any reason the compensation due to any pilgrim cannot be paid to him at the time of embarkation or at or before the time of his disembarkation at the port of his destination, the sum so remaining unpaid shall be made over to such authority administering any fund maintained for the assistance of pilgrims as the [Central Government] may, by general or special order, designate in this behalf.

(4) If the master, owner or agent objects that the sum specified in the notice issued under sub-section (3) or any part thereof is not payable by him, he may, at the time of payment of such sum, give to the Pilgrim Officer notice of his objection, together with a statement of the grounds thereof, and the Pilgrim Officer shall thereupon either cancel or modify the aforesaid notice in accordance with the objection and refund the sum held in deposit under sub-section (3), or refer the objection for decision to a Presidency Magistrate or a Magistrate of the first class exercising jurisdiction in the port or place at which the ship is delayed; the decision of the Magistrate on such reference shall be final, and there shall be refunded to the master, owner or agent any amount allowed to him by such decision.

(5) On the failure of any pilgrim ship to proceed from any port or place on the date advertised under sub-section (3) of section 209B as the date of sailing therefrom, the Pilgrim Officer at that port or place shall forthwith give notice of such failure to the officer authorised to grant port-clearance to ships thereat, and such officer shall refuse port-clearance to the pilgrim ship until the master, owner or agent produces to him a certificate of the Pilgrim Officer that all sums payable by way of compensation under this section up to the day on which the ship is to proceed have been paid.]

<sup>2</sup>[(6) Nothing in this section or in section 209B shall apply to any advertisement made before the interval prescribed under sub-section (3) of section 209B, and intended to give the public information of the

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (11 of 1933), s. 14.

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approximate date of the sailing of a pilgrim ship, provided that such advertisement clearly states that the date so advertised is approximate only and that the correct proposed date will be advertised later.]

<sup>1</sup>[**209D.** Notwithstanding anything contained in section 209B or Substitution section 209C, where any ship which has been advertised under sub-section (3) of section 209B for the conveyance of pilgrims has been or is likely to be delayed beyond the advertised date of sailing, the owner or agent may, with the permission in writing of the Pilgrim Officer, substitute for it any other ship which is of the same class and is capable of carrying not less than the same number of pilgrims of each class, and on such permission being given the advertisement shall be deemed to have been made in respect of the ship so substituted, and all the provisions of those sections shall apply accordingly in respect of such ship.]

**210.** The master of every pilgrim ship shall be bound to pay the Sanitary whole amount of the sanitary taxes imposed by lawful authority at the taxes payable by ports visited if and so far as such taxes are included in the cost of the master of tickets issued to the pilgrims.

**211.** If the master of a pilgrim ship fails to comply with any of the requirements of section 196, section 197 or section 199 as to the statements concerning pilgrims, or wilfully makes any false entry or note in or on any such statement, or fails to obtain any such fresh certificate or to make any such statement of the number of additional pilgrims as is mentioned in section 198, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees for every such offence, or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or to both.

**212.** If the master or the medical officer (if any) of a pilgrim ship, without reasonable excuse, the burden of proving which shall lie upon him, breaks or omits or neglects to obey, any rule under this Part, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or to both.

**213. (1)** The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may make rules<sup>3</sup> to regulate all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) the boats, anchors and cables to be provided on board pilgrim ships;
- (b) the instruments for purposes of navigation to be supplied;
- (c) the apparatus for the purpose of extinguishing fires on board and the precautions to be taken to prevent and deal with such fires;

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1927 (14 of 1927), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> See the Indian Pilgrim Ships Rules, 1933.

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- (d) the provision of appliances for saving life and of means for making signals of distress, and the supply of lights extinguishable in water and fitted for attachment to life-buoys;
  - (e) the fittings and other appliances to be provided in the upper and between-decks for the comfort and convenience of pilgrims;
  - (f) the scale on which, and the manner in which <sup>1</sup>[cooked and uncooked food and water] are to be supplied to pilgrims, and the quality of such <sup>1</sup>[food and water];
  - <sup>2</sup>[(f)] the kinds of food to be provided for pilgrims on payment, in addition to the food to be supplied in accordance with the rules made under clause (f), and the charges which may be made for the same;]
  - (g) the quality, quantity and storage of the cargo to be carried;
  - (h) the allotment of the upper-deck space between the various classes of pilgrims;
  - (i) the amount and distribution of the baggage of pilgrims;
  - (j) the nature and the extent of the hospital accommodation and the medical stores, disinfectants, and other appliances and fittings to be provided on board <sup>3</sup>[free of charge to pilgrims] for maintaining health, cleanliness and decency;
  - (k) the form of the statements to be furnished by the master under sections 196 and 199, and the particulars to be entered therein;
  - (l) the tonnage and <sup>4</sup>[power] to be required in the case of pilgrim ships, and the voyages to which, and seasons at which, such rules shall respectively apply;
  - (m) the licensing and appointment of medical officers and other attendants in cases where they are required by this Part to be carried, and the diaries, reports and other returns to be kept or submitted by such medical officers;
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- (n) the manner in which contaminated articles shall be disinfected before being taken on board a pilgrim ship;
  - (o) the manner in which, and the persons by whom, the medical inspection of women shall be carried out;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (11 of 1933), s. 15, for "food, fuel and water".

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by s. 15, *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by s. 15, *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 22, for "steam power".

<sup>5</sup> Cl. (mm) ins. by Act 11 of 1933, s. 15, was rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1934 (24 of 1934), s. 9 and Sch. II.

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- <sup>1</sup>[(p) the manner in which deposits shall be made for the purposes of section 208A, and any matter in respect of which provision is, in the opinion of the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government], necessary or expedient for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of that section;]
- <sup>3</sup>[(q)] the supply of tickets to intending pilgrims, the form of such tickets and the conditions and other matters to be specified thereon, and the amount of the sanitary taxes to be included in the cost thereof;
- <sup>4</sup>[(r) the refund of deposits and passage-money under section 208C, and the manner in which persons shall be nominated under that section for the purpose of entitling them to a refund;]
- <sup>5</sup>[(s) the period after which unclaimed passage-money and deposits liable to be refunded shall lapse to <sup>6</sup>[the Crown], and the purposes to which sums so lapsing shall be applied;]
- <sup>7</sup>[(t) the manner in which the proposed date of sailing shall be advertised under section 209B; the appointment of Pilgrim Officers for the purposes of that section and sections 209C and 209D; the manner in which payment shall be made under section 209C to pilgrims and to the Pilgrim Officer; and the procedure to be followed by masters, owners or agents and by Pilgrim Officers and Magistrates in proceedings under that section;]
- <sup>8</sup>[(u)] the functions of the master, medical officer or officers (if any) and other officers during the voyage; <sup>8\*</sup>
- <sup>9</sup>[(v) the local limits within which, and the time and mode at and in which, pilgrims shall be embarked or discharged at any port or place appointed under this Part in that behalf;]
- (w) the time within which a pilgrim ship shall depart or proceed on her voyage after commencing to take pilgrims on board;]

<sup>1</sup> This cl. was originally ins. as clause (oo) by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1925 (11 of 1925), s. 8, and was relettered as cl. (p) by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 6 and Sch.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> The original clss. (v), (q), (r) and (s) were relettered (q), (r), (u) and (x) respectively by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (11 of 1933), s. 15, for the original clause.

<sup>5</sup> This clause was originally ins. as clause (qq) by Act 11 of 1925, s. 8, and was relettered as cl. (s) by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch.

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt."

<sup>7</sup> This clause was originally ins. as clause (qqq) by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1927 (14 of 1927), s. 3, and was relettered as cl. (t) by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch.

<sup>8</sup> The word "and" rep. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch.

<sup>9</sup> Ins. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*

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<sup>1</sup>[(*vv*) providing that a pilgrim shall not be received on board any pilgrim ship, unless he is in possession of a passport or a pilgrim's pass, regulating the issue of pilgrims' passes, and prescribing the form of and fees which may be charged for such passes; and]

<sup>2</sup>[(*x*)] generally, to carry out the provisions of this Part relating to pilgrim ships.

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<sup>4</sup>[(*2*)] In making a rule under this section, the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] may direct that a breach of it shall be punishable with fine which may extend to <sup>6</sup>[three hundred] rupees, and, when the breach is a continuing breach with a further fine which may extend to twenty rupees for every day after the first during which the breach continues.

<sup>4</sup>[(*3*)] The power to make rules under this section is subject to the condition of the rules being made after previous publication.

## PART V.

### SAFETY.

#### Definition.

**[213A.]** In this Part the expressions "Country to which the International Convention respecting Load-Lines, 1930, applies" and "Country to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1929, applies" mean—

- (i) a country which has been declared by Order in Council made by His Majesty under section 65 or section 37 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load-Line Conventions) Act, 22 Geo. 5, 1932, to have ratified or acceded to the Convention specified <sup>o. 9.</sup> in the expression and has not been so declared to have denounced the Convention;
- (ii) any colony or overseas territory of, or any protectorate or territory under suzerainty or mandate of, a country so declared, in respect of which a declaration under the said

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1933 (11 of 1933), s. 15.

<sup>2</sup> The original cl. (*s*) was relettered (*x*) by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 6 and Sch.

<sup>3</sup> The original sub-section (*2*) was rep. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> The original sub-sections (*3*) and (*4*) were re-numbered (*2*) and (*3*) respectively by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "G. G. in C." were subs. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*, for "authority making it".

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by Act 11 of 1933, s. 15, for "two hundred".

<sup>7</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 23.

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section of the said Act has been made that the Convention specified in the expression has been applied to such colony, territory or protectorate, and no declaration has been made that the said Convention has ceased to apply.]

*Prevention of Collisions.*

**214.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may appoint persons to inspect, in any port, ships to which the regulations for preventing collisions at sea, issued under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts, or any other similar law for the time being in force, may apply, for the purpose of seeing that such ships are properly provided with lights and with the means of making fog-signals, in pursuance of such regulations or law.

(2) Every person so appointed shall in the port for which he is appointed have, for the purposes of such inspection, the following powers—

- (a) he may go on board any ship and may inspect the same or any part thereof, or any of the machinery, equipments and cargo on board thereof, and may, require the unloading or removal of any cargo, ballast or tackle, not unnecessarily detaining or delaying her from discharging, unloading or proceeding on any voyage;
- (b) he may, by summons under his hand, require the attendance of all such persons as he thinks fit to call before him, may examine such persons, and may, by a like summons, require returns in writing to any inquiries he thinks fit to make;
- (c) he may require and enforce, the production of all books, papers, or documents which he considers important; and
- (d) he may administer oaths, or may, in lieu of administering an oath, require every person examined by him to make and subscribe a declaration of the truth of the statements made by him in his examination.

**215.** If any person so appointed finds that any ship is not so provided, he shall give to the master or owner notice in writing pointing out the deficiency, and also what is, in his opinion, requisite in order to remedy the same.

**216.** Every notice so given shall be communicated in such manner as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may direct to the Customs-collector at any port from which such ship may seek to clear; and no Customs-collector to whom such communication is made shall grant such ship a

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

Notice of deficiency to be given to master or owner by such inspectors.

Ship not to be cleared by Customs-collector till inspector certifies it

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is properly provided with lights, etc.

port-clearance or allow her to proceed to sea without a certificate under the hand of some person appointed as aforesaid, to the effect that the said ship is properly provided with lights and with the means of making fog-signals in pursuance of the said regulations or law.

<sup>1</sup>[*Life-saving Appliances.*

Power of Central Government to make rules as to life-saving appliances.

**216A.** (1) The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules prescribing the life-saving appliances to be carried by every British ship going to sea from any port in British India.

(2) In making a rule under this section, the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may direct that a breach of it shall be punishable with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, and, when the breach is a continuing breach, with a further fine which may extend to twenty rupees for every day after the first during which the breach continues.

Inspection of provision of life-saving appliances.

**216B.** (1) A surveyor appointed under section 129 of this Act may, at any reasonable time, inspect any ship for the purpose of seeing that she is properly provided with life-saving appliances in conformity with the rules made under this Act.

(2) If the said surveyor finds that the ship is not so provided he shall give to the master or owner notice in writing pointing out the deficiency, and also pointing out what in his opinion is requisite to remedy the same.

(3) Every notice so given shall be communicated in the manner directed by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] to the Chief Officer of Customs of any port at which the ship may seek to obtain a clearance and the ship shall be detained until a certificate signed by such surveyor is produced to the effect that the ship is properly provided with life-saving appliances in conformity with the said rules.

(4) Such fees may be charged for the grant of the certificate referred to in sub-section (3) as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may prescribe.]

<sup>3</sup>[*Load-Lines.*

Operation of provisions relating to load-lines.

**217.** (1) Sections 218 to 224M inclusive (hereinafter referred to as "the provisions of this Part relating to load-lines") shall have effect only from such date as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint in this behalf.

<sup>1</sup> Ss. 216A and 216B and the heading were ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 24.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Ss. 217 to 224M and their headings were subs. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 25, for the original heading and ss. 217 to 224.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

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(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (1) the power to make rules conferred by section 219 and by sub-section (1) of section 224M may be exercised, and a load-line certificate may be issued in accordance with the rules made under section 219, at any time before such appointed date as if the provisions of this Part relating to load-lines were already in force; and where a load-line certificate is so issued in respect of any ship, or where before such appointed date a certificate granted under section 223 of this Act as in force prior to its amendment by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933, ceases to be in force in respect of any ship, the provisions of this Part relating to load-lines shall be deemed to have come into force with respect to such ship as from the date on which the said load-line certificate is issued or the said certificate granted under section 223 ceases to be in force, as the case may be.

**218.** (1) The provisions of this Part relating to load-lines shall not apply to—

(i) any sailing ship of less than 150 tons gross tonnage employed in plying coastwise between ports situated <sup>1</sup>[within India, Burma and Ceylon];

(ii) any ship solely engaged in fishing;

(iii) any pleasure yacht.

(2) The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, on such conditions as <sup>3</sup>[it] may think fit, exempt from the provisions of this Part relating to load-lines—

(i) any ship plying between the near neighbouring ports of two or more countries if the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] and the Governments of those countries are satisfied that the sheltered nature and conditions of the voyages between those ports make it unreasonable or impracticable to apply to ships so plying the provisions of this Part relating to load-lines;

(ii) any ship plying between near neighbouring ports of the same country if the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] is satisfied as aforesaid;

(iii) wooden ships of primitive build if the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] considers that it would be unreasonable or impracticable to apply the said provisions to them;

(iv) any class of steamships of less than 150 tons gross tonnage which are employed in plying coastwise between ports situated <sup>1</sup>[within India, Burma and Ceylon] and do not carry cargo.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "in India and Ceylon".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

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Power of  
Central  
Government  
to make  
rules as to  
load-lines.

Marking of  
deck line  
and load-  
lines.

**219.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules<sup>2</sup> (hereafter in this Act referred to as "the load-line rules") regulating the survey of ships for the purpose of assignment and marking of load-lines and prescribing the conditions (hereafter in this Act referred to as "the conditions of assignment") on which load-lines may be assigned.

**220.** (1) No British ship registered in British India, being a ship of which the keel was laid after the 30th day of June, 1932, and not being exempt from the provisions of this Part relating to load-lines, shall proceed to sea unless—

- (i) the ship has been surveyed in accordance with the load-line rules;
- (ii) the ship complies with the conditions of assignment;
- (iii) the ship is marked on each side with a mark (hereafter in this Act referred to as a "deck line") indicating the position of the uppermost complete deck as defined by the load-line rules, and with marks (hereafter in this Act referred to as "load-lines") indicating the several maximum depths to which the ship can be safely loaded in various circumstances prescribed by the load-line rules;
- (iv) the deck line and load-lines are of the description required by the load-line rules, the deck line is in the position required by those rules, and the load-lines are of the number required by such of those rules as are applicable to the ship; and
- (v) the load-lines are in the position required by such of the load-line rules as are applicable to the ship.

(2) No British ship registered in British India, being a ship of which the keel was laid before the first day of July, 1932, and not being exempt from the provisions of this Part relating to load-lines, shall proceed to sea unless—

- (i) the ship has been surveyed and marked in accordance with clauses (i), (iii) and (iv) of sub-section (1);
- (ii) the ship complies with the conditions of assignment in principle and also in detail so far as, in the opinion of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], is reasonable and practicable having regard to the efficiency of the protection of openings, the guard rails, the freeing ports and the means of access to the crew's quarters provided by the arrangements,

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> See the Indian Merchant Shipping (Load-Line) Rules, 1934, published with Commerce Department Notification No. 42-M. I (9)/33, dated 5th January 1935.

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fittings and appliances existing on the ship at the time when she is first surveyed under this section; and

- (iii) the load-lines are either in the position required by clause (v) of sub-section (1) or in the position required by the tables used by the Board of Trade on the 31st day of December, 1906, for fixing the position of load-lines, subject to such modifications of those tables and of the application thereof as were in force immediately before the 5th day of July, 1930.

(3) If any ship proceeds or attempts to proceed to sea in contravention of this section, the master or owner thereof shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

(4) Any ship attempting to proceed to sea without being surveyed and marked as required by this section may be detained until she has been so surveyed and marked, and any ship which does not comply with the conditions of assignment to the extent required in her case by this section shall be deemed to be unsafe for the purpose of section 232.

**221.** (1) A British ship registered in British India (not being exempt from the provisions of this Part relating to load-lines) shall not be loaded as to submerge in salt water, when the ship has no list, the appropriate load-line on each side of the ship, that is to say, the load-line indicating or purporting to indicate the maximum depth to which the ship is for the time being entitled under the load-line rules to be loaded.

(2) If any such ship is loaded in contravention of this section, the owner or master of the ship shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees and to such additional fine, not exceeding the amount hereinafter specified, as the Court thinks fit to impose having regard to the extent to which the earning capacity of the ship was, or would have been, increased by reason of the submersion.

(3) The said additional fine shall not exceed one thousand rupees for every inch or fraction of an inch by which the appropriate load-line on each side of the ship was submerged, or would have been submerged if the ship had been in salt water and had had no list.

(4) In any proceedings against an owner or master for a contravention of this section, it shall be a good defence to prove that the contravention was due solely to deviation or delay, being deviation or delay caused solely by stress of weather or other circumstances which neither the master nor the owner nor the charterer (if any) could have prevented or forestalled.

(5) Without prejudice to any proceedings under the foregoing provisions of this section, any ship which is loaded in contravention of this section may be detained until she ceases to be so loaded.

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Offences in  
relation to  
marks.

**222. If—**

- (i) the owner or master of a British ship registered in British India, which has been marked in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Part, fails without reasonable cause to keep the ship so marked, or
- (ii) any person conceals, removes, alters, defaces or obliterates, or suffers any person under his control to conceal, remove, alter, deface or obliterate any mark placed on any such ship in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Part, except with the authority of a person entitled under the load-line rules to authorise the alteration of the mark or except for the purpose of escaping capture by an enemy,

he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

Inspection  
of ships  
with respect  
to load-lines.

**223.** A surveyor authorised in this behalf by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may inspect any British ship registered in British India for the purpose of seeing that the provisions of this Part relating to load-lines have been complied with and for this purpose may go on board the ship at all reasonable times and do all things necessary for the proper inspection of the ship and may also require the master of the ship to supply him with any information which it is in the power of the master to supply for that purpose, including the production of any certificate granted under this Part in respect of the ship.

*Certificates.*

Issue of  
load-line  
certificates  
and effect  
thereof.

**224.** (1) Where a British ship registered in British India has been surveyed and marked in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Part and complies with the conditions of assignment to the extent required in her case by those provisions, there shall be issued to the owner of the ship on his application and on payment of the prescribed fee—

- (i) in the case of a ship of 150 tons gross tonnage or upwards which carries cargo or passengers, a certificate to be called “an international load-line certificate”; and
- (ii) in the case of any other ship, a certificate to be called “a British India load-line certificate”.

(2) Every such certificate shall be issued either by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or by such other person as may be authorised in that behalf by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] and shall be issued in such form and manner as may be prescribed by the load-line rules.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.”

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(3) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may request the Government of a country to which the International Convention respecting Load-Lines, 1930, applies, to issue a load-line certificate in the form of an international load-line certificate under that Convention in respect of a British ship registered in British India, and a certificate issued in pursuance of such a request and containing a statement that it has been so issued shall have effect for the purposes of this Part as if it had been issued by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

(4) Where a load-line certificate, issued in pursuance of this section and for the time being in force, is produced in respect of a ship, the ship shall, for the purposes of the foregoing provisions of this Part, be deemed to have been surveyed as required by those provisions, and, if the deck line and load-lines on the ship are of the number and description required by the load-line rules and the position of the deck line and load-lines corresponds with the position specified in the certificate, the ship shall be deemed to be marked as required by those provisions.

**224A.** (1) Every load-line certificate issued by or under the authority of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall, unless it is renewed in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (2), expire at the end of such period, not exceeding five years from the date of its issue, as may be specified therein.

Duration,  
renewal and  
cancellation  
of certificates.

(2) Any such load-line certificate may, after a survey not less effective than the survey required by the load-line rules before the issue of the certificate, be renewed from time to time by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or by any person authorised by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] to issue a load-line certificate, for such period (not exceeding five years on any occasion) as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] or the person renewing the certificate thinks fit.

(3) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall cancel any such load-line certificate in force in respect of a ship if he has reason to believe that—

- (i) material alterations have taken place in the hull or superstructures of the ship which affect the position of the load-lines; or
- (ii) the fittings and appliances for the protection of openings, the guard rails, the freeing ports or the means of access to the crew's quarters have not been maintained on the ship in as effective a condition as they were in when the certificate was issued.

(4) The owner of every ship in respect of which any such certificate has been issued shall, so long as the certificate remains in force, cause

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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the ship to be surveyed in the prescribed manner once at least in each year after the issue of the certificate for the purpose of seeing whether the certificate should, having regard to sub-section (3), remain in force, and if the ship is not so surveyed, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall cancel the certificate:

Provided that the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], if <sup>2</sup>[it] thinks fit in any particular case, may extend the said period of one year.

(5) Where any such load-line certificate has expired or been cancelled, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may require the owner or master of the ship to which the certificate relates to deliver up the certificate as <sup>2</sup>[it] directs, and the ship may be detained until such requirement has been complied with, and if the owner or master fails without reasonable cause to comply with such requirement he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

(6) On the survey of any ship in pursuance of this section there shall be paid by the owner of the ship such fee as may be prescribed.

**224B.** (1) No British ship registered in British India shall proceed to sea unless there is in force in respect of the ship a load-line certificate issued under the provisions of section 224.

(2) The master of every British ship registered in British India shall produce to the officer of Customs, from whom a port-clearance for the ship is demanded, the certificate which is required by the foregoing provisions of this section to be in force when the ship proceeds to sea, and the port-clearance shall not be granted, and the ship may be detained, until that certificate is so produced.

(3) The master of any ship which proceeds or attempts to proceed to sea in contravention of this section shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

**224C.** (1) When a load-line certificate has been issued in pursuance of the foregoing provisions of this Part in respect of a British ship registered in British India other than a home-trade ship not exceeding 300 tons burden—

(i) the owner of the ship shall forthwith on the receipt of the certificate cause it to be framed and posted up in some conspicuous place on board the ship, and to be kept so framed and posted up and legible so long as the certificate remains in force and the ship is in use; and

(ii) the master of the ship, before making any other entry in any official log-book, shall enter or cause to be entered therein the particulars as to the position of the deck line and load-lines specified in the certificate.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

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(2) Before any such ship leaves any dock, wharf, harbour or other place for the purpose of proceeding to sea, the master thereof shall—

(i) enter or cause to be entered in the official log-book such particulars relating to the depth to which the ship is for the time being loaded as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may by rules<sup>2</sup> made in this behalf prescribe; and

(ii) cause a notice, in such form and containing such of the said particulars as may be required by the said rules, to be posted up in some conspicuous place on board the ship and to be kept so posted up and legible until the ship arrives at some other dock, wharf, harbour or place:

Provided that the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may by the said rules exempt home-trade ships or any class of home-trade ships from the requirements of clause (ii) of this sub-section.

(3) If the master or owner of any British ship registered in British India fails to comply with the provisions of this section, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

**224D.** (1) Before an agreement with the crew of any British ship registered in British India, in respect of which a load-line certificate is in force, is signed by any member of the crew, the master of the ship shall insert in the agreement the particulars as to the position of the deck line and load-lines specified in the certificate, and if he fails to do so, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

(2) In the case of a British ship registered in British India, being a foreign-going ship, the shipping master shall not proceed with the engagement of the crew until—

(i) there is produced to him a load-line certificate for the time being in force in respect of the ship; and

(ii) he is satisfied that the particulars required by this section have been inserted in the agreement with the crew.

*Special provisions as to ships not registered in British India.*

**224E.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, at the request of a country to which the International Convention respecting Load-Lines, 1930, applies, issue an international load-line certificate in respect of a ship of that country if <sup>3</sup>[it] is satisfied in like manner as in the

Insertion of  
particulars  
as to load-  
lines in  
agreements  
with crew.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> See the Indian Merchant Shipping (Depth of Loading) Rules, 1934, published with Commerce Department Notification No. 42-M. I (7)/34, dated 29th December, 1934.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

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case of a British ship registered in British India that <sup>1</sup>[it] can properly issue the certificate, and where a certificate is issued at such a request, it shall contain a statement that it has been so issued.

(2) With a view to determining the validity in British India of certificates purporting to have been issued in accordance with the International Convention respecting Load-Lines, 1930, in respect of ships not registered in British India, the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] shall make such rules<sup>3</sup> as appear to <sup>4</sup>[it] to be necessary, and for the purpose of the provisions hereafter contained in this Part relating to ships not registered in British India, the expression "a valid international load-line certificate" means a certificate complying with such of those rules as are applicable in the circumstances.

Inspection  
and control  
of ships not  
registered in  
British India.

**224F.** (1) A surveyor authorised in this behalf by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, at any reasonable time, go on board any ship not registered in British India being a ship of 150 tons gross tonnage or upwards carrying cargo or passengers and belonging to a country to which the International Convention respecting Load-Lines, 1930, applies, when such ship is within any port in British India, for the purpose of demanding the production of any load-line certificate for the time being in force in respect of the ship.

(2) If a valid international load-line certificate is produced to the surveyor on any such demand, the surveyor's powers of inspecting the ship with respect to load-line shall be limited to seeing—

- (i) that the ship is not loaded beyond the limits allowed by the certificate;
- (ii) that the position of the load-lines on the ship corresponds with the position specified in the certificate;
- (iii) that no material alterations have taken place in the hull or superstructures of the ship which affect the position of the load-lines;
- (iv) that the fittings and appliances for the protection of openings, the guard rails, the freeing ports and the means of access to the crew's quarters have been maintained on the ship in as effective a condition as they were in when the certificate was issued.

(3) If it is found on any such inspection that the ship is loaded beyond the limits allowed by the certificate, the ship may be detained and the provisions of section 238 shall apply.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> See the Indian Merchant Shipping (Load-Line Convention Certificates Validity) Rules, 1934, published with Commerce Department Notification No. 42-M. I (6)/34, dated 29th December, 1934.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "him".

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(4) If it is found on any such inspection that the load-lines on the ship are not in the position specified in the certificate, the ship may be detained until the matter has been rectified to the satisfaction of the surveyor.

(5) If it is found on any such inspection that the ship has been so materially altered in respect of the matters referred to in clauses (iii) and (iv) of sub-section (2) that the ship is manifestly unfit to proceed to sea without danger to human life, the ship shall be deemed to be unsafe for the purpose of section 232 (in the case of a British ship) or for the purpose of section 238 (in the case of a foreign ship):

Provided that where the ship has been detained under either of the last-mentioned sections, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall order the ship to be released as soon as <sup>2</sup>[it] is satisfied that the ship is fit to proceed to sea without danger to human life.

(6) If a valid international load-line certificate is not produced to the surveyor on such demand as aforesaid, the surveyor shall have the same power of inspecting the ship, for the purpose of seeing that the provisions of this Part relating to load-lines have been complied with, as if the ship were a British ship registered in British India.

(7) For the purposes of this section a ship shall be deemed to be loaded beyond the limits allowed by the certificate if she is so loaded as to submerge in salt water, when the ship has no list, the appropriate load-line on each side of the ship, that is to say, the load-line appearing by the certificate to indicate the maximum depth to which the ship is for the time being entitled under the International Convention respecting Load-Lines, 1930, to be loaded.

**224G.** The master of every ship not registered in British India Certificate of ship not being a ship of 150 tons gross tonnage or upwards carrying cargo or registered in passengers, and belonging to a country to which the International Convention respecting Load-Lines, 1930, applies, shall produce to the officer of Customs from whom a port-clearance for the ship from any port in British India is demanded—  
to be produced to Customs.

(i) in a case where port-clearance is demanded in respect of a voyage to a port or place outside British India, a valid international load-line certificate;

(ii) in a case where port-clearance is demanded in respect of any other voyage, either a valid international load-line certificate or a valid British India load-line certificate;

and the port-clearance shall not be granted and the ship may be detained until the certificate required by this section is so produced.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

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**Marking of  
deck line  
and load-  
lines of ships  
not registered  
in British  
India.**

**224H.** The provisions of section 220 shall apply to ships not registered in British India proceeding or attempting to proceed to sea from ports in British India as they apply to British ships registered in British India subject to the following modifications, namely:—

- (i) the said section shall not apply to a ship not registered in British India if a valid international load-line certificate is produced in respect of the ship; and
- (ii) subject to the provisions of clause (i) of this section a foreign ship which does not comply with the conditions of assignment to the extent required in her case by the said section 220 shall be deemed to be unsafe for the purpose of section 238.

**Submersion  
of load-line  
of ships not  
registered in  
British India.**

**224I.** The provisions of section 221 shall apply to ships not registered in British India, while they are within any port in British India as they apply to ships registered in British India subject to the following modifications, namely:—

- (i) no ship of 150 tons gross tonnage or upwards carrying cargo or passengers and belonging to a country to which the International Convention respecting Load-Lines, 1930, applies, shall be detained and no proceedings shall be taken against the owner or master thereof by virtue of the said section except after an inspection by a surveyor as provided by section 224F; and
- (ii) the expression “the appropriate load-line” in relation to any ship not registered in British India shall mean—
  - (a) in the case of a ship in respect of which there is produced on such an inspection as aforesaid a valid international load-line certificate, the load-line appearing by the certificate to indicate the maximum depth to which the ship is for the time being entitled under the International Convention respecting Load-Lines, 1930, to be loaded;
  - (b) in any other case, the load-line which corresponds with the load-line indicating the maximum depth to which the ship is for the time being entitled under the load-line rules to be loaded, or, if no load-line on the ship corresponds as aforesaid, the lowest load-line thereon.

**Inspection  
of ships not  
registered in  
British India.**

**224J.** The provisions of section 223 shall apply, in the same manner as they apply to British ships registered in British India, to all other ships while they are within any port in British India, except ships to which the provisions of section 224F apply.

**Load-line  
certificates  
of ships not**

**224K. (1)** The provisions of this Part relating to the issue, effect, duration, renewal and cancellation of British India load-line certificates

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shall apply to ships not registered in British India as they apply to registered in British India. British ships registered in British India subject to the following modifications, namely:—

- (i) any such certificate may be issued in respect of any such ship as in respect of a ship registered in British India, provided that any such certificate issued in respect of a ship of 150 tons gross tonnage and upwards carrying cargo or passengers and belonging to a country to which the International Convention respecting Load-lines, 1930, applies, shall only be valid so long as the ship is not plying on voyages from or to any place in British India to or from any place outside British India and shall be endorsed with a statement to that effect and shall be cancelled by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] if <sup>2</sup>[it] has reason to believe that the ship is so plying; and
  - (ii) the survey required for the purpose of seeing whether the certificate should remain in force shall take place when required by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].
- (2) If the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] is satisfied—
- (i) either—
    - (a) that by the law in force in any part of His Majesty's dominions outside British India provision has been made for the fixing, marking and certifying of load-lines on British ships (or any class or description of British ships) registered in that part of His Majesty's dominions, or
    - (b) that provision has been made as aforesaid by the law in force in any foreign country with respect to ships (or any class or description of ships) of that country and has also been so made (or has been agreed to be so made) for recognising British India load-line certificates as having the same effect in ports of that country as certificates issued under the said provision, and
  - (ii) that the said provision for the fixing, marking and certifying of load-lines is based on the same principles as the corresponding provisions of this Part relating to load-lines and is equally effective,

<sup>2</sup>[it] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], direct that load-line certificates issued in pursuance of the said provision in respect of British ships (or that class or description of British ships) registered in that part of His Majesty's dominions, or in respect of ships (or

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

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that class or description of ships) of that foreign country, as the case may be, shall have the same effect for the purpose of this Part as British India load-line certificates:

Provided that such direction shall not apply to ships of 150 tons gross tonnage and upwards carrying cargo or passengers and belonging to countries to which the International Convention respecting Load-Lines, 1930, applies, if such ships are engaged in plying on voyages from or to any place in British India to or from any place outside British India.

Certificates  
to be pro-  
duced to  
Customs  
by ships not  
registered in  
British India.

**224L.** The master of every ship not registered in British India other than ships to which the provisions of section 224G apply shall produce to the officer of Customs from whom a port-clearance for the ship from any port in British India is demanded, either a British India load-line certificate or a certificate having effect under this Act as such a certificate, being a certificate for the time being in force in respect of the ship, and the port-clearance shall not be granted and the ship may be detained until the certificate required by this section is so produced.

*Loading of Timber.*

Power of  
Central  
Government  
to make  
rules as to  
timber cargo.

**224M.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall, subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules<sup>2</sup> (hereafter in this section referred to as the "timber cargo rules") as to the conditions on which timber may be carried as cargo in any uncovered space on the deck of any ship.

(2) The timber cargo rules may prescribe a special load-line to be used only when the ship is carrying timber as cargo on deck and the conditions on which such special load-line may be assigned, and may further prescribe either generally or with reference to particular voyages and seasons the manner and position in which such timber is to be stowed and the provisions which are to be made for the safety of the crew.

(3) If any provision of the timber cargo rules is contravened in the case of any British ship registered in British India, the master of the ship shall be liable to a fine which may extend to five thousand rupees:

Provided that in any proceedings against a master in respect of a contravention of the timber cargo rules it shall be a good defence to

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> See the Indian Merchant Shipping (Timber Cargo) Rules, 1934, published with Commerce Department Notification No. 42-M. I (9)/33, dated 5th January, 1935.

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prove that the contravention was due solely to deviation or delay, being deviation or delay caused solely by stress of weather or other circumstances which neither the master nor the owner nor the charterer (if any) could have prevented or forestalled.

(4) Any surveyor authorised in this behalf by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, at any reasonable time, inspect any ship carrying timber as cargo in any uncovered space on her deck for the purpose of seeing whether the timber cargo rules have been complied with.

(5) The foregoing provisions of this section and the timber cargo rules shall apply to ships not registered in British India, while they are within any port in British India as they apply to British ships registered in British India.]

*Grain-Cargoes.*

**225.** No cargo of which more than one-third consists of any kind of grain, corn, rice, paddy, pulse, seeds, nuts or nutkernels (hereinafter referred to as grain-cargo) shall be carried on board any British or foreign ship unless the same be contained in bags, sacks or barrels, or secured from shifting by boards or bulkheads or otherwise.

**226.** If the owner or master of any ship, or any agent of such owner who is charged with the loading of such ship or the sending her to sea, knowingly allows any grain-cargo or part of a grain-cargo to be shipped therein for carriage contrary to the provisions of the last foregoing section, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to three thousand rupees.

<sup>2</sup>[*Subdivision Load-Lines.***227. (1) Where—**

(a) a British passenger steamer registered in British India has been marked with subdivision load-lines, that is to say, load-lines indicating the depth to which the steamer may be loaded having regard to the extent to which she is subdivided and to the space for the time being allotted to passengers, and

(b) the appropriate subdivision load-line, that is to say, the subdivision load-line appropriate to the space for the time being allotted to passengers on the steamer, is lower than the load-line indicating the maximum depth to which the steamer is for the time being entitled under the provisions of this Part to be loaded,

Submersion

of subdivi-

sion load-

lines in case

of British

passenger

steamer

registered in

British India.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup>This heading and ss. 227 and 228 were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1938 (25 of 1938), s. 26, for the original heading and ss. 227 and 228.

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the steamer shall not be so loaded as to submerge the appropriate subdivision load-line on each side of the steamer when the steamer has no list.

(2) If any such steamer is loaded in contravention of this section, the owner or master of the steamer shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees and to such additional fine, not exceeding the amount hereinafter specified, as the Court thinks fit to impose, having regard to the extent to which the earning capacity of the ship was, or would have been, increased by reason of the submersion.

(3) The said additional fine shall not exceed one thousand rupees for every inch or fraction of an inch by which the appropriate subdivision load-line on each side of the ship was submerged, or would have been submerged if the ship had had no list.

(4) Without prejudice to any proceedings under the foregoing provisions of this section, any such steamer which is loaded in contravention of this section may be detained until she ceases to be so loaded.

**Application  
of section  
227 to  
steamers not  
registered in  
British India.**

**228.** The provisions of section 227 shall apply to passenger steamers not registered in British India while they are within any port in British India as they apply to British passenger steamers registered in British India.]

*Unseaworthy Ships.*

**Every per-  
son sending  
unseaworthy  
ship to sea  
liable to  
penalty.**

**229.** (1) Every person who sends or attempts to send a British ship to sea from any port in British India in such an unseaworthy state that the life of any person is likely to be thereby endangered shall, unless he proves that he used all reasonable means to insure her being sent to sea in a seaworthy state or that her going to sea in such unseaworthy state was under the circumstances reasonable and justifiable, be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or to both.

(2) Every master of a British ship who knowingly takes such ship to sea in such unseaworthy state that the life of any person is likely to be thereby endangered shall, unless he proves that her going to sea in such unseaworthy state was, under the circumstances, reasonable and justifiable, be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or to both.

(3) For the purpose of giving such proof, every person charged under this section may give evidence in the same manner as any other witness.

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(4) No prosecution under this section shall be instituted except by, or with the consent of, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

**230.** A ship is "unseaworthy" within the meaning of this Part Unseaworthy when the materials of which she is made, her construction, the qualifications of the master, the number and description of the crew, the weight, description and stowage of the cargo, the tackle, sails, rigging, stores, ballast, and other equipment are not such as to render her in every respect fit for the proposed voyage or service.

**231.** (1) In every contract of service, express or implied, between the owner of a British ship and the master or any seaman thereof, and in every instrument of apprenticeship whereby any person is bound to serve as an apprentice on board any such ship, there shall be implied, notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary, an obligation on the owner that such owner and the master, and every agent charged with the loading of such ship or the preparing thereof for sea, or the sending thereof to sea, shall use all reasonable means to secure the seaworthiness of such ship for the voyage at the time when such voyage commences, and to keep her in a seaworthy state for the voyage during the same.

(2) Nothing in this section shall subject such owner to any liability by reason of such ship being sent to sea in an unseaworthy state where, owing to special circumstances, the so sending her to sea is reasonable and justifiable.

*Detention of unsafe ships by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].*

**232.** (1) Where a British ship in any port to which the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may specially extend this section is an unsafe ship, that is to say, is by reason of the defective condition of her hull, equipments or machinery, or by reason of overloading or improper loading, unfit to proceed to sea without serious danger to human life, having regard to the nature of the service for which she is intended, such ship may be provisionally detained for the purpose of being surveyed and either finally detained or released as follows, namely:—

(a) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], if <sup>2</sup>[it] has reason to believe, on complaint or otherwise, that any such ship is unsafe, may order the ship to be provisionally detained as an unsafe ship for the purpose of being surveyed.

(b) A written statement of the grounds of such detention shall be forthwith served on the master of such ship.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he", which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

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- (c) When the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] provisionally orders the detention of a ship, <sup>2</sup>[it] shall either refer the matter to the Court of Survey for the port where the ship is detained, or forthwith appoint some competent person to survey such ship and report thereon; and, on receiving <sup>3</sup>[the] report, may either order the ship to be released or, if in <sup>4</sup>[its] opinion the ship is unsafe, may order her to be finally detained, either absolutely or until the performance of such conditions with respect to the execution of repairs or alterations, or the unloading or reloading of cargo, as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] thinks necessary for the protection of human life.
- (d) Before an order for final detention is made, a copy of the report shall be served upon the master of the ship, and within seven days after such service the owner or master may appeal against such report, in the manner prescribed, to the Court of Survey for the port where the ship is detained.
- (e) Where a ship has been provisionally detained and a person has been appointed under this section to survey such ship, the owner or master of the ship, at any time before such person makes that survey, may require that he shall take with him as assessor such person as the owner or master may select, being a person named in the list of assessors for the Court of Survey or, if there is no such list, or if it is impracticable to procure the attendance of any person named in such list, a person of nautical, engineering or other special skill and experience. If the surveyor and assessor agree that the ship should be detained or released, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall cause the ship to be detained or released accordingly, and the owner or master shall have no appeal. If the surveyor and assessor differ in their report, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may act as if the requisition had not been made, and the owner or master shall have such appeal touching the report of the surveyor as is hereinbefore provided in this section.
- (f) Where a ship has been provisionally detained, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may at any time if <sup>2</sup>[it] thinks it expedient,

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, for "it".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for "his".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "his" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, for the word "its".

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refer the matter to the Court of Survey for the port where the ship is detained.

(g) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may at any time, if satisfied that a ship detained under this section is not unsafe, order her to be released either upon or without any conditions.

(2) Any person appointed by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] for the purpose (in this Act referred to as a "detaining-officer") shall have the same power as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] as under this section of provisionally ordering the detention of a ship for the purpose of being surveyed, and of appointing a person to survey her; and if he thinks that a ship so detained by him is not unsafe, may order her to be released.

(3) A detaining-officer shall forthwith report to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] any order made by him for the detention or release of a ship.

(4) A ship detained under this section shall not be released by reason of her British or British Indian register being subsequently closed.

(5) A detaining-officer shall have, for the purpose of his duties under this Part, the following powers, namely:—

(a) he may go on board any British ship and may inspect the same or any part thereof, or any of the machinery, equipments and cargo on board thereof, and may require the unloading or removal of any cargo, ballast or tackle, not unnecessarily detaining or delaying her from discharging, unloading or proceeding on any voyage;

(b) he may, by summons under his hand, require the attendance of all such persons as he thinks fit to call before him, may examine such persons, and may, by a like summons, require returns in writing to any inquiries he thinks fit to make;

(c) he may require and enforce the production of all books, papers or documents which he considers important; and

(d) he may administer oaths, or may, in lieu of administering an oath, require every person examined by him to make and subscribe a declaration of the truth of the statements made by him in his examination.

*Costs of detention and damages incidental thereto.*

233. If it appears that there was not reasonable and probable cause, <sup>Liability of</sup> by reason of the condition of the ship or the act or default of the <sup>Central</sup> <sup>Government</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

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**for costs and damages when ship wrongly detained.** owner, for the provisional detention of a ship, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall be liable to pay to the owner of the ship his costs of and incidental to the detention and survey of the ship, and also compensation for any loss or damage sustained by him by reason of the detention or survey.

**Liability of shipowner for costs when ship rightly detained.**

**234.** If a ship is finally detained under this Part, or if it appears that a ship provisionally detained was at the time of such detention unsafe, <sup>2</sup>[or if a ship is detained in pursuance of any provision of this Part which provides for the detention of a ship until a certain event occurs], the owner of the ship shall be liable to pay to <sup>1</sup>[the Central Government] its costs of and incidental to the detention and survey of the ship; and such costs shall, without prejudice to any other remedy, be recoverable as salvage is recoverable.

**What included in costs of detention and survey.**

**235.** For the purposes of this Act, the costs of and incidental to any proceeding before a Court of Survey, and a reasonable amount in respect of the remuneration of the surveyor or any person appointed to represent the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] before the Court, shall be deemed to be part of the costs of the detention and survey of the ship.

**Power to require from complainant security for costs, etc.**

**236.** When a complaint is made to the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] or a detaining-officer that a British ship is unsafe, it shall be in the discretion of <sup>4</sup>[the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] or the detaining-officer] (as the case may be) to require the complainant to give security to the satisfaction of <sup>4</sup>[the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] or the detaining-officer] for the costs and compensation which such complainant may become liable to pay as hereinafter mentioned:

Provided that, where the complaint is made by one-fourth, being not less than three, of the seamen belonging to the ship, and is not in the opinion of <sup>4</sup>[the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] or the detaining-officer] frivolous or vexatious, such security shall not be required; and <sup>4</sup>[the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] or the detaining-officer] shall, if the complaint is made in sufficient time before the sailing of the ship, take proper steps to ascertain whether the ship ought to be detained under this Part.

**Costs, etc., payable by Central Government recoverable from complainant.**

**237.** Where a ship is detained in consequence of any complaint, and the circumstances are such that the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] is liable under this Part to pay to the owner of the ship any costs of compensation, the complainant shall be liable to pay to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 27.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for "such Government or officer".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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all such costs and compensation as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] incurs, or is liable to pay, in respect of the detention and survey of the ship.

**238.** When a foreign ship is in a port in British India and is, whilst at that port, unsafe <sup>2</sup>[by reason of the defective condition of her hull, equipments or machinery, or] by reason of overloading or improper loading, the provisions of this Part with respect to the detention of ships shall apply to that foreign ship as if she were a British ship with the following modifications, namely:—

- (i) a copy of the order for the provisional detention of the ship shall forthwith be served on the consular officer for the country to which the ship belongs at or nearest to the port in which such ship is detained;
- (ii) the consular officer, at the request of the owner or master of the ship, may require that the person appointed by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] to survey the ship shall be accompanied by such person as the consular officer may select, and in that case, if the surveyor and that person agree, the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] shall cause the ship to be detained or released accordingly; but, if they differ, the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may act as if the requisition had not been made, and the owner and master shall have the like appeal to a Court of Survey touching the report of the surveyor as is hereinbefore provided in the case of a British ship; and
- (iii) where the owner or master of the ship appeals to the Court of Survey, the consular officer, at his request, may appoint a competent person to be assessor in the case in lieu of the assessor who, if the ship were a British ship, would be appointed otherwise than by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government].

**239.** (1) The <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] may, from time to time, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], delegate, either absolutely or subject to such conditions or restrictions as <sup>5</sup>[it] thinks fit, to any body of Commissioners or trustees appointed for managing the affairs of a port, all or any of the powers, and require the said body to discharge all or

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 28.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words "Gazette of India" which were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 5 and Sch., for the words "local official Gazette".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

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any of the functions of the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] under the foregoing sections of this Part, except the power of making rules.

(2) While any such notification remains in force, all costs and damages which would otherwise be recoverable under this Part by or from the Government shall be recoverable in like manner by or from such body; and such body shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any enactment for the time being in force, credit or pay, as the case may be, the amount of any cost or damages so recovered to or from the funds held by them in trust as such body.

#### *Installation of Wireless Telegraphy.*

Commencement.

**240.** The provisions of this Part in regard to the installation of wireless telegraphy on ships registered in British India shall come into force on such date as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification<sup>3</sup> in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], direct.

**241.** [Definitions.]—Rep. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (XXV of 1933), s. 29.

Wireless telegraphy requirements.

**242.** (1) Every sea-going British ship registered in British India, being a passenger steamer or a ship of sixteen hundred tons gross tonnage or upwards shall be provided with a wireless telegraph installation of the prescribed description, and shall maintain a wireless telegraph service of the prescribed nature, and shall be provided with such certificated operators and watchers as may be prescribed:

Provided that the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], exempt from the obligations imposed by this section, any ships or classes of ships if <sup>5</sup>[it] is of opinion that, having regard to the nature of the voyages on which the ships are engaged, or other circumstances of the case, the provision of a wireless telegraph installation is unnecessary or unreasonable.

(2) If this section is not complied with in the case of any such ship, the master or owner of the ship shall be liable in respect of each offence to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

Wireless direction-finding apparatus.

**6**[242A.] (1) On and after such date as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint in this behalf every British ship registered in British India being a passenger steamer of 5,000 tons gross tonnage or upwards, shall be provided with a wireless direction-finding apparatus of the prescribed description.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "a L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Ss. 242, 243, 244 and 245 were brought into force from 5th May, 1923, vide Notification No. 2743, dated 5th May, 1923, see Gen. R. and O., Vol. V, p. 446.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>6</sup> Ss. 242A and 242B were ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 30.

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(2) If this section is not complied with in the case of any such ship, the master or owner of the ship shall be liable in respect of each offence to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

**242B.** (1) Every ship compulsorily equipped under the provisions of section 242 with a wireless telegraph installation shall maintain in the wireless telegraph room a wireless telegraph log in which shall be entered such particulars relating to the operation of the wireless telegraph installation and as to the maintenance of the wireless telegraph service as may be prescribed.

(2) The provisions of section 122 shall apply to the wireless telegraph log kept under this section as if it were an official log-book.]

**243.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may appoint officers (hereinafter referred to in this Act as wireless telegraphy inspectors) for the purpose of seeing that the requirements of this Part relating to wireless telegraphy are complied with on board any ship.

(2) A wireless telegraphy inspector may inspect any ship for the purpose of seeing that she is properly provided with a wireless telegraph installation and certificated operators and watchers in conformity with this Part, and for this purpose may go on board any ship at all reasonable times and do all things necessary for the proper inspection of the ship for the purpose of the provisions of this Part relating to wireless telegraphy, and may also require the master of the ship to supply him with any information which it is in the power of the master to supply for that purpose, including the production of any certificate granted under this Part in respect of the installation, and of the certificates of the operators and watchers on the ship:

<sup>2</sup>[Provided that if a valid Safety Convention Certificate is produced in respect of any ship not registered in British India, the inspection shall be limited to seeing that the ship is provided with a wireless telegraph installation and that the number of certified operators and watchers corresponds substantially with the particulars stated in the certificate.]

(3) If a wireless telegraphy inspector finds that a ship is not so provided, he shall give to the master or owner notice in writing pointing out the deficiency, and also pointing out what in his opinion is requisite to remedy the same.

(4) Every notice given under sub-section (3) shall be communicated, in the prescribed manner, to the Chief Officer of Customs of any port at which the ship may seek to obtain port-clearance, who shall order that the ship shall be detained until a certificate under the hand of a wireless telegraphy inspector is produced to the effect that the ship is properly

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 81.

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Application  
to ships  
other than  
British ships  
registered in  
British India.

Power to  
make rules.

provided with a wireless telegraph installation and certified operators and watchers in conformity with this Part.

**244.** The provisions of this Part relating to wireless telegraphy shall, as from a date three months after the coming into force of those provisions, apply to ships other than British ships registered in British India while they are within any port in British India in like manner as they apply to British ships registered in British India.

**245.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may make rules<sup>2</sup> to carry out the purposes of the provisions of this Part relating to wireless telegraphy.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may prescribe—

(a) the nature of the wireless telegraph installation <sup>3</sup>[and wireless direction-finding apparatus] to be provided and of the service to be maintained, <sup>3</sup>[the form of the wireless log and the particulars to be entered therein], and the number, grades and qualifications of certified operators and watchers to be carried :

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(b) the manner in which a notice given under sub-section (3) of section 243 shall be communicated to the Chief Officer of Customs :

<sup>5</sup>[(c) the charging of fees for the grant of the certificate referred to in sub-section (4) of section 243, the amount of such fees and the manner in which they shall be recoverable.]

<sup>6</sup>[Signalling Lamps.

Signalling  
lamps.

**245A.** (1) Every British ship registered in British India being a ship of over 150 tons gross tonnage shall, when proceeding to sea from any port or place in British India to any port or place outside British India, be provided with a signalling lamp of the type approved by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

(2) If any ship proceeds or attempts to proceed to sea in contravention of this section, the owner or master thereof shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> See the Indian Merchant Shipping (Wireless Telegraphy) Rules, 1934, published with Commerce Department Notification No. 251-M. I (2)/30, dated 10th March, 1934.

<sup>3</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 32.

<sup>4</sup> The proviso was rep. by s. 32, *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1925 (1 of 1925), s. 2.

<sup>6</sup> The headings and ss. 245A to 245M were ins. by Act 25 of 1933, s. 33.

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*Safety Certificates, Radio-telegraphy Certificates and Exemption Certificates.*

**245B.** The provisions of this Part relating to Safety Certificates, Operation of Qualified Safety Certificates, Safety Radio-telegraphy Certificates and Exemption Certificates, that is to say, the provisions of section 245C to section 245M inclusive, shall have effect only from such date as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint in this behalf.

**245C.** (1) Upon receipt of a declaration of survey granted under Part III in respect of a steamship for which a certificate of survey is required by that Part, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall, if satisfied that the steamship complies with all the provisions as to construction, machinery and equipments (including life-saving appliances, and wireless telegraphy installation) applicable to such steamship under this Act, cause a certificate to be called a Safety Certificate or a Qualified Safety Certificate as the case may be, to be prepared and delivered through such officer as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may appoint in this behalf to the owner or master of the steamship.

(2) The Safety Certificate shall be in the prescribed form and shall state that the steamship complies with the requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, signed in London on the 31st day of May, 1929.

(3) The Qualified Safety Certificate shall be in the prescribed form and shall state in what respects the steamship complies with the requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea signed in London on the 31st day of May, 1929.

**245D.** (1) The owner or master of any British ship registered in British India which is not a passenger steamer but which is required by the provisions of section 242 to be provided with a wireless telegraphy installation and which is intended to ply on voyages from or to any place in British India to or from any place outside British India shall, if the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] is satisfied that the ship complies with all the provisions as to wireless telegraphy applicable to such ship under this Part, receive a certificate to be called a Safety Radio-telegraphy Certificate, to be prepared and delivered through such officer as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may appoint in this behalf.

(2) The Safety Radio-telegraphy Certificate shall be in the prescribed form and shall state that the ship complies in respect of wireless telegraphy installation with the requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, signed in London on the 31st day of May, 1929.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

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**Exemption Certificate.**

**245E.** The owner or master of any British ship registered in British India which is intended to ply on voyages from or to any place in British India to or from any place outside British India and in regard to which the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] has made a declaration under section 126 or an order of exemption under the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 242 shall on application to the officer appointed in this behalf by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] receive from such officer a certificate in the prescribed form to be called an Exemption Certificate.

**Duration of Certificates.**

**245F.** (1) A Safety Certificate, Qualified Safety Certificate, Safety Radio-telegraphy Certificate or Exemption Certificate issued under the provisions of section 245C, 245D or 245E, shall not remain in force for more than one year from the date of its issue, nor after notice is given by the authority issuing it to the owner or master of the ship in respect of which it has been issued, that that authority has cancelled the certificate.

(2) If the ship in respect of which any such certificate has been issued is absent from British India at the date when the certificate expires, the authority issuing the certificate, or any person authorised by that authority for the purpose, may, if it appears proper and reasonable so to do, grant such extension of the certificate as will allow the ship to return to British India, but no such extension shall have effect for more than five months from the said date.

(3) If the ship in respect of which a Safety Certificate issued under section 245C is in force has on board in the course of a particular voyage a total number of persons less than the number stated in the certificate to be the number for which the life-saving appliances on the ship provide, the owner or master of the ship may obtain from the authority issuing the certificate, or any person authorised by that authority for the purpose, a memorandum to be attached to the certificate stating the total number of persons carried on the ship on that voyage and the modifications which may be made for the purpose of that voyage in the particulars with respect to life-saving appliances stated in the certificate.

**Issue of Certificates to ships of foreign countries.**

**245G.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, at the request of the Government of a country to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1929, applies, cause a Safety Certificate or Safety Radio-telegraphy Certificate to be issued in respect of a ship of that country if <sup>2</sup>[it] is satisfied in like manner as in the case of a British ship registered in British India that such a certificate can properly be issued, and, where a certificate is issued at such a request, it shall contain a statement that it has been so issued.

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in O."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

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(2) With a view to determining the validity in British India of certificates purporting to have been issued in accordance with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1929, in respect of ships not registered in British India, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall make such rules as appear to <sup>2</sup>[it] to be necessary, and for the purpose of the provisions of this Act the expression 'a valid Safety Convention Certificate' means a certificate or certificates complying with such of those rules as are applicable in the circumstances.

(3) Where a valid Safety Convention Certificate is produced in respect of a passenger steamer not registered in British India and there is attached to the certificate a memorandum which—

- (a) has been issued by or under the authority of the Government of the country to which the steamer belongs, and
- (b) modifies for the purpose of any particular voyage, in view of the number of persons actually carried on that voyage, the particulars stated in the certificates with respect to life-saving appliances,

the certificate shall have effect for the purpose of that voyage as if it were modified in accordance with the memorandum.

**245H.** (1) No British ship registered in British India being a Prohibition passenger steamer shall proceed on a voyage from any place in British <sup>on proceeding to see</sup> India to any place outside British India unless there is in force in <sup>without</sup> respect of the ship either— <sup>certificates.</sup>

- (a) a Safety Certificate issued under section 245C, or
- (b) a Qualified Safety Certificate issued under section 245C and an Exemption Certificate issued under section 245E,

being a certificate or certificates which by the terms thereof is or are applicable to the voyage on which the ship is about to proceed and to the trade in which she is for the time being engaged.

(2) No sea-going British ship registered in British India being a ship of 1,600 tons gross tonnage or upwards other than a passenger steamer shall proceed on a voyage from any place in British India to any place outside British India unless there is in force in respect of the ship—

- (a) such certificate or certificates as would be required in her case by the provisions of sub-section (1) if she were a passenger steamer, or
- (b) a Safety Radio-telegraphy Certificate issued under section 245D, or
- (c) an Exemption Certificate, issued under section 245E, relating to the wireless telegraphy equipment,

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "him".

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being a certificate or certificates which by the terms thereof is or are applicable to the voyage on which the ship is about to proceed and to the trade in which she is for the time being engaged.

(3) If any ship to which this section applies proceeds or attempts to proceed, to sea in contravention of this section—

- (a) in the case of a ship being a passenger steamer, the master or owner of the steamer shall, without prejudice to any other remedy or penalty under this Act, be liable for each offence to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees for every passenger carried on board the steamship; and
- (b) in the case of a ship not being a passenger steamer, the master or owner of the ship shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

(4) The master of every ship to which this section applies shall produce to the officer of Customs from whom a port clearance for the ship is demanded the certificate or certificates required by the foregoing provisions of this section to be in force when the ship proceeds to sea, and the port clearance shall not be granted and the ship may be detained until the said certificate or certificates are so produced.

(5) Where an Exemption Certificate issued under section 245E in respect of any ship to which this section applies specifies any conditions on which the certificate is issued and those conditions are contravened, the master or owner of the ship shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

Recognition  
of certifi-  
cates issued  
outside Bri-  
tish India.

**245I.** (1) Where there is produced in respect of any steamship not registered in British India a valid Safety Convention Certificate, such certificate shall be accepted as having the same force as the corresponding certificate issued in respect of a ship registered in British India by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

(2) The master of every ship not registered in British India being a passenger steamer or being a ship of 1,600 tons gross tonnage or upwards belonging to a country to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1929, applies, shall produce a valid Safety Convention Certificate to the officer of Customs from whom a clearance for the ship is demanded in respect of a voyage from a place in British India to a place outside British India, and a clearance shall not be granted and the ship may be detained until such a certificate is so produced.

(3) Where a valid Safety Convention Certificate is produced in respect of a passenger steamer not registered in British India the steamer shall not be deemed to be unsafe for the purposes of section 238 of this Act by reason of the defective condition of her hull, equipments or

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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machinery unless it appears that the steamer cannot proceed to sea without danger to the passengers or crew owing to the fact that the actual condition of the ship does not correspond substantially with the particulars stated in the certificate.

**245J.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules<sup>2</sup> to carry out the purposes of the provisions of this Part relating to Safety Certificates, Qualified Safety Certificates, Safety Radio-telegraphy Certificates and Exemption Certificates.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may prescribe the form of the certificates referred to in sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 245C, sub-section (2) of section 245D, and section 245E, the charging of fees for the grant of such certificates, the amount of such fees, and the manner in which they shall be recoverable.

(3) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may delegate to any person the functions assigned to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] by sections 245C, 245D and 245G of granting a Safety Certificate, a Qualified Safety Certificate or a Safety Radio-telegraphy Certificate in respect of any ships or classes of ships.

**245K.** The provisions of sections 139, 139A, 140 and 142 of this Application of sections Act shall apply to and in relation to every certificate issued by the <sup>139, 139A,</sup> <sup>140 and 142</sup> <sup>of Act to</sup> <sup>certificates.</sup> <sup>same manner as they apply to and in relation to a certificate of survey.</sup> <sup>certificates.</sup> <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] under sections 245C, 245D and 245E in the <sup>of certificate to ships re-</sup> <sup>gistered in British India.</sup>

**245L.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may request the Government of Issue by Foreign a country to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life Government at Sea, 1929, applies, to issue a Safety Certificate or a Safety Radio-telegraphy Certificate in respect of a British ship registered in British India, and a certificate issued in pursuance of such a request and containing a statement that it has been so issued shall have effect for the purposes of this Act as if it had been issued by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

**245M.** Where any foreign ship is detained under this Part in any case to which the provisions of section 238 do not apply, or where any proceedings are taken under this Part against the master or owner of any such ship, notice shall forthwith be served on the Consular Officer for the country to which the ship belongs at or nearest to the port where the ship is for the time being, and such notice shall specify the grounds on which the ship has been detained or the proceedings have been taken.]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> See the Indian Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Certificates) Rules, 1934, published with Commerce Department Notification No. 46-M. I (11)/33, dated 29th December, 1934.

(Part VA.—Navigation.)

<sup>1</sup>[PART VA.]

## NAVIGATION.

Method of giving helm orders.

**245N.** (1) No person on any British ship registered in British India shall when the ship is going ahead give a helm or steering order containing the word 'starboard' or 'right', or any equivalent of 'starboard' or 'right', unless he intends that the head of the ship shall move to the right, or give a helm or steering order containing the word 'port' or 'left' or any equivalent of 'port' or 'left' unless he intends that the head of the ship shall move to the left.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

Duty to report dangers to navigation.

**245O.** (1) The master of any British ship registered in British India on meeting with dangerous ice, a dangerous derelict, a tropical storm or any other direct danger to navigation shall send information accordingly by all means of communication at his disposal and in accordance with such rules as the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may make in this behalf to ships in the vicinity and to such authorities on shore as may be prescribed by these rules.

(2) If the master of a ship fails to comply with the provisions of this section, he shall be liable for each offence to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

(3) For the purposes of this section the expression 'tropical storm' means a hurricane, typhoon, cyclone or other storm of a similar nature, and the master of a ship shall be deemed to have met with a tropical storm if he has reason to believe that there is such a storm in the vicinity.

Obligation to render assistance on receiving signal of distress.

**245P.** (1) The master of a British ship registered in British India on receiving a signal of distress by wireless telegraphy from any other ship shall proceed with all speed to the assistance of the persons in distress, unless he is unable or, in the special circumstances of the case, considers it unreasonable or unnecessary to do so, or unless he receives information that his assistance is no longer required.

(2) If the master is unable or in the special circumstances of the case considers it unreasonable or unnecessary to proceed to the assistance of the persons in distress, he shall forthwith send a message by wireless telegraphy informing the master of the ship in distress accordingly, and shall enter in the official log-book his reasons for not going to the assistance of those persons.

<sup>1</sup> Part VA was ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Act, 1933 (25 of 1933), s. 36.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

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(3) Any master failing to comply with the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or to both.

(4) Any master failing to comply with the provisions of sub-section (2) shall be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

**245Q.** (1) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules<sup>2</sup> prescribing—

(a) the manner of communicating information regarding dangers to navigation, and the authorities on shore to whom such information is to be communicated,

(b) the signals which shall be signals of distress and of urgency, respectively,

(c) the circumstances in which and the purposes for which any such signal is to be used, and the circumstances in which it is to be revoked, and

(d) the speed at which any message sent by wireless telegraphy in connection with such signal is to be transmitted.

(2) In making any rule under this section the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may direct that the breach of it shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.]

## PART VI.

### SPECIAL SHIPPING INQUIRIES AND COURTS.

**246.** (1) For the purpose of inquiries and investigations under this Part a shipping casualty shall be deemed to occur when—

(a) on or near the coasts of British India, any ship is lost, abandoned, stranded or materially damaged;

(b) any loss of life ensues by reason of any casualty happening to, or on board of, any ship on or near those coasts;

(c) on or near those coasts, any ship causes loss or material damage to any other ship;

(d) in any place any such loss, abandonment, stranding, damage or casualty occurs to, or on board of, any British ship, and any competent witness thereof is found at any place in British India; or

Shipping casualties  
and report  
thereof.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> See the Indian Merchant Shipping (Distress Messages and Navigational Warnings) Rules, 1934, published with Commerce Department Notification No. 46-M. I (9)/33, dated 29th December, 1934.

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(e) any British ship is supposed to have been lost, and any evidence can be obtained in British India as to the circumstances under which she proceeded to sea or was last heard of.

(2) In sub-section (1), the word "coasts" includes the coasts of creeks and tidal rivers.

(3) In the cases mentioned in clauses (a), (b) and (c) of sub-section (1), the master, pilot, harbour-master or other person in charge of the ship, or (where two ships are concerned) in charge of each ship, at the time of the shipping casualty, and

in cases under clause (d) of sub-section (1), where the master of the ship concerned or (except in the case of a loss) where the ship concerned proceeds to any place in British India from the place where the shipping casualty has occurred, the master of the ship,

shall, on arriving in British India, give immediate notice of the shipping casualty to the nearest Magistrate <sup>1</sup>[and also to the officer appointed in this behalf by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government]].

(4) Any person bound to give notice under this section and wilfully failing to give the same shall be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, and, in default of payment, to simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months.

Report of  
shipping  
casualties to  
Central and  
Provincial  
Govern-  
ments.

**247.** (1) Whenever any <sup>3</sup>[such officer] receives credible information that a shipping casualty has occurred, he shall forthwith report in writing the information to the <sup>4</sup>[<sup>2</sup>[Central Government]], and also to the <sup>5</sup>[Provincial Government] on or near whose coasts the casualty occurred, or within whose territories any witness resides, or evidence can be obtained as the case may be; and may proceed to make a preliminary inquiry into the casualty].

(2) Any such <sup>6\*</sup> \* officer—

(i) may go on board any ship, and may inspect the same or any part thereof, or any of the machinery, boats, equipments or articles on board thereof, to which the provisions of this Act apply, not unnecessarily detaining or delaying her from proceeding on any voyage;

(ii) may enter and inspect any premises the entry or inspection of which appears to him to be requisite for the purpose of the report which he is directed to make;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 6 and Sch., for "or, when he arrives at a port in British India, to any officer appointed by the L. G. in this behalf at that port".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 6 and Sch., for "Magistrate or any officer appointed by the L. G. in this behalf".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*, for "L. G."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>6</sup> The words "Magistrate or" rep. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch.

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- (iii) may, by summons under his hand, require the attendance of all such persons as he thinks fit to call before him and examine for such purpose, and may require answers or returns to any inquiries he thinks fit to make;
- (iv) may require and enforce the production of all books, papers or documents which he considers important for such purpose; and
- (v) may administer oaths, or may, in lieu of requiring or administering an oath, require any person examined by him to make and subscribe a declaration of the truth of the statements made by him in his examination.

<sup>1</sup>[(3) An officer making a preliminary inquiry under this section shall send a report thereof to the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] and shall send a copy thereof to the <sup>3</sup>[Provincial Government].]

<sup>4</sup>[**248.** The officer appointed under sub-section (3) of section 246, Application to Court for whether he has made a preliminary inquiry or not, may, and where the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] so directs, shall, make an application to a formal Court empowered under section 249, requesting it to make a formal investigation into any shipping casualty; and the Court shall thereupon make such investigation.

**249.** Magistrates of the first class specially empowered in this behalf by the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] and Presidency Magistrates shall have jurisdiction to make formal investigations into shipping casualties under this Part.]

**250.** (1) Any Court making a formal investigation into a shipping casualty may inquire into any charge of incompetency or misconduct arising, in the course of the investigation, against any master, mate or engineer, as well as into any charge of a wrongful act or default on his part causing the shipping casualty.

(2) In every case in which any such charge, whether of incompetency or misconduct, or of a wrongful act or default, as aforesaid, arises against any master, mate or engineer in the course of an investigation, the Court shall, before the commencement of the inquiry, cause to be furnished to him a copy of the report or statement of the case upon which the investigation has been directed.

**251.** (1) If the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] has reason to believe that there are grounds for charging any master, mate or engineer with

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 6 and Sch.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for the original ss. 248 and 249.

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

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to direct investigation into charges of incompetency or misconduct.

incompetency or misconduct, otherwise than in the course of a formal investigation into a shipping casualty, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government]—

- (a) if the master, mate or engineer holds a certificate under this Act, in any case,
- (b) if the master, mate or engineer holds a certificate under the Merchant Shipping Acts, in the following cases:—
  - (i) where the incompetency or misconduct has occurred on a British ship on or near the coasts of British India, or on board a British ship in the course of a voyage to a port within the colony;
  - (ii) where the incompetency or misconduct has occurred on board a British ship registered in British India;
  - (iii) where the master, mate or engineer of a British ship, who is charged with incompetency or misconduct on board that British ship, is found in British India;

may transmit a statement of the case to any Court mentioned in section 249 at or nearest to the place at which it may be convenient for the parties and witnesses to attend, and may direct that Court to make an investigation into that charge.

(2) Before commencing the investigation, the Court shall cause the master, mate or engineer so charged to be furnished with a copy of the statement transmitted by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government].

Person accused to be heard.

**252.** For the purpose of an investigation under this Part into any charge against a master, mate or engineer, the Court may summon him to appear, and shall give him full opportunity of making a defence either in person or otherwise.

Powers of Courts as to evidence and regulation of proceedings.

**253.** For the purpose of any investigation under this Part, the Court making the investigation, so far as relates to compelling the attendance and examination of witnesses and the production of documents and the regulation of the proceedings, <sup>2</sup>[shall have the same powers as are exercisable by that Court in the exercise of its criminal jurisdiction].

Assessors.

**254.** <sup>3</sup>[(1) A Court making a formal investigation shall constitute as its assessors not less than two and not more than four persons, of whom one shall be a person conversant with maritime affairs and the other or others shall be conversant with either maritime or mercantile affairs:

Provided that, where the investigation involves, or appears likely to involve, any question as to the cancellation or suspension of the certificate of a master, mate or engineer, two of the assessors shall be persons having also experience in the merchant service.]

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1923 (6 of 1923), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*, for the original words.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*, for the original sub-section.

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(2) The assessors shall attend during the investigation and deliver their opinions in writing, to be recorded on the proceedings, but the exercise of all powers conferred on the Court by this Part or any other enactment for the time being in force shall rest with the Court.

<sup>1</sup>[(3) The assessors shall be chosen from a list to be prepared from time to time by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government].]

**255.** (1) If any Court making an investigation under this Part thinks it necessary for obtaining evidence that any person should be arrested, it may issue a warrant for his arrest, and may, for the purpose of effecting the arrest, authorise any officer (subject, nevertheless, to any general or special instructions from the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government]) to enter any vessel.

(2) Any officer so authorised may, for the purpose of enforcing the entry, call to his aid any officers of Police or Customs, or any other persons, and may seize and detain the vessel for such time as is reasonably necessary to effect the arrest.

(3) No person shall be detained by virtue of this section for more than forty-eight hours.

**256.** Whenever, in the course of any such investigation, it appears that any person has committed within the jurisdiction of any Court in British India an offence punishable under any law in force in British India, the Court making the investigation may (subject to such rules consistent with this Act as the High Court may from time to time prescribe) cause him to be arrested, or commit him or hold him to bail to take his trial before the proper Court, and may bind over any person to give evidence at the trial, and may, for the purposes of this section, exercise all <sup>4</sup>[its powers as a Criminal Court].

**257.** (1) The Court shall, in the case of all investigations under this Part, transmit to the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] a full report of the conclusions at which it has arrived, together with the evidence, <sup>5</sup>[and shall also send a copy thereof to the <sup>6</sup>[Provincial Government]].

(2) In cases in which, under the Merchant Shipping Acts, the Court is required to send a report to the Board of Trade, the report shall be sent through the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] and the transmission of the report to the <sup>3</sup>[Central Government] shall be a sufficient compliance with this <sup>7</sup>[sub-section].

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 6 and Sch.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for "the powers of a Magistrate of the first class or of a Presidency Magistrate".

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for the word "section".

*Suspension and cancellation of Certificates and grant of fresh Certificates.*

Saving of power to cancel and suspend certificates and remove master under English Acts.

Power to issue local certificates in lieu of cancelled or suspended certificates.

Power for Central Government to suspend or cancel certificates in certain cases.

**258.** Nothing in this Part shall affect the powers conferred by the Merchant Shipping Acts, on the Courts conducting investigations under this Part, to cancel or suspend certificates granted under any of the said Acts, or the power to remove the master of a ship conferred by section 472 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.

57 & 58 Vict., c. 60.

**259.** (1) When any such Court cancels or suspends any such certificate, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, if <sup>2</sup>[it] thinks fit, <sup>3</sup>[grant] without examination, to the holder of the certificate, when the certificate is a certificate as master, a certificate as mate, and, when the certificate is a certificate as mate or engineer, a certificate as mate or engineer, as the case may be, of a grade lower than that which he held at the time of the cancellation or suspension.

(2) A certificate so granted shall have the same effect as if it had been granted after examination, but shall not have the effect of a certificate granted under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts.

(3) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may act under this section either in pursuance of a recommendation from the Court or of <sup>4</sup>[its] own motion.

**260.** (1) Any certificate which has been granted by the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] to any master, mate or engineer, may be suspended or cancelled, by the <sup>6</sup>[Central Government], in the following cases, that is to say:—

(a) if, on any investigation made under the Merchant Shipping Acts, or on any investigation made by any Court or tribunal for the time being authorised by the legislative authority in any British possession to make inquiry into charges of incompetency or misconduct on the part of masters, mates or engineers of ships, or as to shipwrecks or other casualties affecting ships, the Court or tribunal reports that the master, mate or engineer is incompetent or has been guilty

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for "and if it is so empowered by any enactment of a British Indian Legislature for the time being in force, grant under that enactment, but".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "his" which was subs. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1934 (24 of 1934), s. 2 and Sch. I, for the word "its".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 2 and Sch., for the words "any L. G."

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for "that or any other L. G."

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of any gross act of misconduct, drunkenness or tyranny, or that the loss, stranding or abandonment of, or damage to, any ship, or loss of life, has been caused by his wrongful act or default;

- (b) if he is proved to have been convicted of any offence which, if committed in British India, would be non-bailable, or, if committed in England, would be a felony; and
- (c) if (in case of a master) he has been superseded by the order of any Admiralty Court, or of any Naval Court constituted as provided by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, or by any other law for the time being in force.

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(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, at any time, without any formal investigation, suspend or cancel any engine driver's certificate granted by <sup>2</sup>[it] if, in <sup>3</sup>[its] opinion, the holder is, or has become, unfit to act as an engine driver.

**261.** [Report to other Local Governments.] Rep. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (VI of 1928), s. 6 and Sch.

**262.** <sup>4</sup>[When the <sup>5</sup>[Central Government] cancels or suspends] under section 260 the certificate of a master, mate or engineer <sup>6</sup>[it] shall, as soon as may be practicable, report to the Board of Trade, the fact of such cancellation or suspension. Report to Board of Trade.

**263.** (1) The <sup>7</sup>[Central Government] may at any time revoke any Power to order of cancellation or suspension which <sup>8</sup>[it] may have made under section 260, or grant, without examination to any person whose certificate <sup>8</sup>[it] has so cancelled, a new certificate of the same or of any lower grade. Power to revoke cancellation or suspension and grant new certificates.

(2) A certificate so granted shall have the same effect as if it had been granted after examination, but shall not have the effect of a certificate granted under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts.

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<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "him" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for the word "it".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "his" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for the word "its".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for "Every L. G. cancelling or suspending".

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was ins. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch.

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<sup>8</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

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Power of  
Court of  
Investiga-  
tion or  
Inquiry as  
to certifi-  
cates  
granted by  
the Central  
Government.

**264.** (1) A certificate of a master, mate or engineer which has been granted by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] under this Act may be cancelled or suspended—

(a) by a Court holding a formal investigation into a shipping casualty under this Part if the Court finds that the loss, stranding or abandonment of, or damage to, any ship, or loss of life, has been caused by the wrongful act or default of such master, mate or engineer;

(b) by a Court holding an investigation under this Part into the conduct of the master, mate or engineer if the Court finds that he is incompetent or has been guilty of any gross act of drunkenness, tyranny or other misconduct.

(2) At the conclusion of the investigation, or as soon afterwards as possible, the Court shall state in open sitting the decision to which it may have come with respect to the cancellation or suspension of any certificate.

(3) Where the Court cancels or suspends a certificate, the Court shall forward it to the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government], together with the report which it is required by this Part to transmit to <sup>3</sup>[it].

(4) A certificate shall not be cancelled or suspended by a Court under this section unless a copy of the report or a statement of the case on which the investigation or inquiry has been ordered, has been furnished before the commencement of the investigation or inquiry to the holder of the certificate.

(5) The duties imposed and powers conferred by sections <sup>4\*</sup> 262 and 263 on the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] <sup>5\* \* \* \*</sup> shall, when a Court has under this section cancelled or suspended a certificate, be performed and exercised by the <sup>6</sup>[<sup>7</sup>[Central Government]] as if <sup>8</sup>[it] had <sup>9</sup>[itself] cancelled or suspended the certificate under section 260.

Power to  
remove mas-  
ter and  
appoint a  
new master.

**265.** (1) The principal Court of ordinary criminal jurisdiction at any port in British India, where there is no Colonial Court of Admiralty, may remove the master of any ship within the jurisdiction of that Court

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<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "him" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for the words "that Govt."

<sup>4</sup> The figures "261" rep. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch.

<sup>5</sup> The words "which cancels or suspends a certificate" rep. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by s. 6 and Sch., *ibid.*, for "L. G. to which the Court has forwarded the certificate under sub-section (3), as if such L. G. had itself".

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>9</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "himself".

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if that removal is shown to the satisfaction of the Court by evidence on oath to be necessary.

(2) The removal may be made upon the application of the owner of any ship or his agent, or of the consignee of the ship, or of any certified mate, or of one-third or more of the crew of the ship.

(3) The Court may appoint a new master instead of the one removed, but where the owner, agent or consignee of the ship is within the jurisdiction of the Court, such an appointment shall not be made without the consent of that owner, agent or consignee.

(4) The Court may also make such order and require such security in respect of the costs of the matter as the Court thinks fit.

**266.** (1) A master, mate or engineer whose certificate is cancelled or suspended by any Court or by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] shall deliver his certificate—

- (a) if cancelled or suspended by a Court, to that Court;
- (b) if cancelled or suspended by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government], to <sup>Delivery of certificate cancelled or suspended.</sup> <sup>3</sup>[it], or to a shipping-master or other person appointed in this behalf by <sup>3</sup>[it].

(2) If a master, mate or engineer fails to comply with this section, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

*Investigations into Explosions.*

**267.** (1) Whenever any explosion occurs on board any steam-ship on or near the coasts of British India, the <sup>4</sup>[<sup>5</sup>Central Government] or a person duly appointed by <sup>6</sup>[it] in this behalf] may, if <sup>7</sup>[it] thinks fit, direct that an investigation into the cause of the explosion be made by such person or persons as <sup>7</sup>[it] thinks fit.

(2) The person or persons so directed may enter into and on the steam-ship, with all necessary workmen and labourers, and remove any portion of the steam-ship, or of the machinery thereof, for the purpose of the investigation, and shall report to the <sup>4</sup>[<sup>5</sup>Central Government] or such authorised person] what, in his or their opinion, was the cause of the explosion.

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<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "him" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for the words "that L. G."

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for the words "L. G."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "him".

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

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Constitution  
of Court of  
Survey.

**268.** (1) A Court of Survey for a port shall consist of a Judge sitting with two assessors.

(2) The Judge shall be a District Judge, Judge of a Court of Small Causes, Presidency Magistrate, Magistrate of the first class or other fit person appointed in this behalf by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] either generally or for any specified case.

(3) The assessors shall be persons of nautical engineering or other special skill or experience.

(4) Subject to the provisions of Part V as regards foreign ships, one of the assessors shall be appointed by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] either generally or in each case, and the other shall be summoned by the Judge in the manner prescribed, out of a list of persons from time to time prepared for the purpose and published by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], or, if there is no such list or if it is impracticable to procure the attendance of any person named in such list, shall be appointed by the Judge.

Powers and  
procedure  
of Court of  
Survey.

**269.** (1) The Judge shall, on receiving notice of an appeal or a reference from the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], immediately summon the assessors to meet forthwith in the prescribed manner.

(2) The Court of Survey shall hear every case in open Court.

(3) The Judge and each assessor shall, for the purposes of this Act, have the same powers of inspection, and of enforcing the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence, as are by this Act conferred on a detaining-officer.

(4) The Judge may appoint any competent person to survey the ship and report thereon to the Court.

(5) The Judge shall have the same power as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] has to order the ship to be released or finally detained; but, unless one of the assessors concurs in an order for the detention of the ship, the ship shall be released.

(6) The owner and master of the ship and any person appointed by the owner or master and also any person appointed by the <sup>1</sup>[Central

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<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words "Gazette of India" which were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 5 and Sch., for "local official Gazette".

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Government], may attend at any inspection or survey made in pursuance of this section.

(7) The Judge shall report the proceedings of the Court in each case to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] in the manner prescribed, and each assessor shall either sign such report or report to the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] the reasons for his dissent.

**270.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may make rules to carry into effect the provisions of this Act with respect to a Court of Survey, and, in particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, with respect to—

- (a) the procedure before the Court;
- (b) the requiring, on an appeal, of security for costs and damages;
- (c) the amount and application of fees; and
- (d) the ascertainment, in case of dispute, of the proper amount of costs.

Power of  
Central  
Government  
to make  
rules with  
respect to  
Court of  
Survey.

*Scientific Referees.*

**271.** (1) If the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] is of opinion that an appeal Reference in to a Court of Survey involves a question of construction or design or of difficult scientific difficulty, or important principle, <sup>2</sup>[it] may refer the matter to cases to scientific persons. such one or more out of a list of scientific referees to be from time to time prepared by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], as may appear to possess the special qualifications necessary for the particular case, and may be selected by agreement between <sup>3</sup>[a person duly appointed by the <sup>4</sup>[Central Government] in this behalf] and the appellant, or, in default of any such agreement, by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government]; and thereupon the appeal shall be determined by the referee or referees instead of by the Court of Survey.

(2) The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], if the appellant in any such appeal so requires and gives security to <sup>5</sup>[its] satisfaction to pay the costs of and incidental to the reference, shall refer such appeal to a referee or referees selected as aforesaid.

(3) The referee or referees shall have the same powers as a Judge of the Court of Survey.

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<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "he" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word "it".

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for "the Port-officer".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>5</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word "his" which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch., for the word "its".

(Part VII.—Wreck and Salvage.)

<sup>1</sup>PART VII.

## WRECK AND SALVAGE.

**“Wreck” defined.** 272. In this Part “wreck” includes the following when found in the sea or any tidal water or on the shores thereof:—

- (a) goods which have been cast into the sea and then sink and remain under water;
- (b) goods which have been cast or fall into the sea and remain floating on the surface;
- (c) goods which are sunk in the sea, but are attached to a floating object in order that they may be found again;
- (d) goods which are thrown away or abandoned; and
- (e) a ship abandoned without hope or intention of recovery.

**Appoint-  
ment of  
receivers.** 273. (1) The <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], appoint such person as <sup>4</sup>[it] thinks fit to receive and take possession of wreck and to perform such duties connected therewith as are hereinafter mentioned, within such local limits as <sup>4</sup>[it] may prescribe.

(2) Persons so appointed shall be called receivers of wreck.

**Rules to be  
observed by  
persons  
finding  
wreck.** 274. (1) Any person finding and taking possession of any wreck within any local limits for which a receiver of wreck has been so appointed, or bringing within such limits any wreck which has been found and taken possession of elsewhere, shall, as soon as practicable,—

(a) if he be the owner thereof, give the receiver of wreck notice in writing of the finding thereof and of the marks by which such wreck is distinguished;

(b) if he be not the owner of such wreck, deliver the same to the receiver of wreck.

(2) Any person omitting to give notice of the finding of, or to deliver, any wreck to the receiver of wreck as required by sub-section (1) shall be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, and, in the case of omission to deliver any wreck, shall, in addition to such fine, forfeit all claim to salvage, and pay to the owner of such wreck if the

<sup>1</sup> For application of the provisions of this Part to aircrafts, see the Indian Aircraft Act, 1934 (22 of 1934), s. 9.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for “G. G. in C.” The words “the G. G. in C.” were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words “the L. G.”

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the words “Gazette of India” which were subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 5 and Sch., for the words “local official Gazette”.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for the word “he” which was subs. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 3 and Sch., for the word “it”.

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same is claimed, or if the same is unclaimed to the Government, a penalty not exceeding twice the value of such wreck.

**275.** (1) Whenever any wreck is found by the receiver of wreck or Government has been delivered to him in accordance with the provisions of this Part or person finding by any person, not being the owner thereof, the Government or such other person so delivering such wreck, as the case may be, shall be entitled to receive a reasonable sum for salvage, having regard to all the circumstances of the case.

(2) Any dispute arising concerning the amount due under this section shall be determined by a Magistrate upon application to him for that purpose by either of the disputing parties.

**276.** The receiver of wreck shall, on taking possession of any wreck, publish a notification, in such manner and at such place as the [Central given by Government] may prescribe in this behalf, containing a description of the same and the time at which and the place, where the same was found.

**277.** If after the publication of such notification the wreck is un- Wreck may claimed, or if the person claiming the same fails to pay the amount due in certain cases be for salvage and for charges incurred by the receiver of wreck in respect sold. thereof, the receiver of wreck may sell such wreck by public auction, if of a perishable nature, forthwith, and, if not of a perishable nature, at any period not less than six months after such notification as aforesaid.

**278.** On the realization of the proceeds of such sale, the amount due for salvage and charges as aforesaid, together with the expenses of the sale shall be deducted therefrom, and the balance shall be paid to the owner of the wreck, or if no such person appear and claim the same, shall be held in deposit for payment, without interest, to any person thereafter establishing his right to the same:

Provided that he makes his claim within one year from the date of the sale.

**279.** Nothing in this Part shall be deemed to—

Savings.

(a) affect the declaration of the twenty-third day of October, 1889, in Schedule IV, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Government of the French Republic, with reference to the disposal of the proceeds of wrecks on their respective coasts, that declaration having been made applicable to India, or

XV of 1908. (b) affect section 29 of the Indian Ports Act, 1908, or entitle any person to salvage in respect of any property recovered by creeping or sweeping in contravention of that section.

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## PART VIII.

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

Certain persons to be deemed Public Servants.

**280.** The following persons shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code, namely:—

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- (a) Every surveyor appointed under this Act.
- (b) Every judge, assessor or other person acting under Part VI.
- (c) Every person appointed under this Act to report information as to shipping casualties.
- (d) Every person authorised under this Act to make any investigation under Part VI, and all persons whom he calls to his aid.
- (e) Every person directed to make an investigation into an explosion on a steam-ship under section 267.
- (f) Every Wireless Telegraphy Inspector appointed under this Act.

Jurisdiction of Magistrates.

**281.** No Magistrate shall try any offence against this Act or any rule made thereunder unless he is a Presidency Magistrate or a Magistrate whose powers are not less than those of a Magistrate of the first class.

Place of trial of the offender.

**282.** Any person committing any offence against this Act or any rule thereunder, may be tried for the offence in any place in which he may be found or which the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], direct in this behalf, or in any other place in which he might be tried under any other law for the time being in force.

Depositions to be received in evidence when witnesses cannot be produced.

**283.** (1) Whenever, in the course of any legal proceeding under this Act instituted at any place in British India before any Court or Magistrate, or before any person authorised by law or by consent of parties to receive evidence, the testimony of any witness is required in relation to the subject-matter, and the defendant or the person accused (as the case may be), after being allowed a reasonable opportunity for so doing, does not produce the witness before the Court, Magistrate or person so authorised, any deposition previously made by the witness in relation to the same subject-matter before any Court, Justice or Magistrate in His Majesty's dominions (including all parts of British India other than those subject to the same <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] as the place where the proceeding is instituted), or before any British consular officer, if elsewhere, shall be admissible in evidence—

- (a) if the deposition is authenticated by the signature of the presiding officer of the Court or of the Justice, Magistrate or consular officer before whom it is made;

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

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- (b) if the defendant or the person accused had an opportunity by himself or his agent of cross-examining the witness;
- (c) if the proceeding is criminal, on proof that the deposition was made in the presence of the person accused.

(2) It shall not be necessary in any case to prove the signature or official character of the person appearing to have signed any such deposition; and a certificate by such person that the defendant or the person accused had an opportunity of cross-examining the witness, and that the deposition, if made in a criminal proceeding, was made in the presence of the person accused, shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that he had that opportunity and that it was so made.

**284.** (1) Where under this Act a ship is authorised or ordered to be detained, any commissioned officer on full pay in the Naval or Military service of His Majesty, any commander or first officer in the <sup>1</sup>[Royal Indian Navy], or any port officer, harbour master, conservator of a port, or officer of Customs may detain the ship. Enforcing  
detention of  
ship.

(2) If any ship after detention, or after service on the master of any notice of, or order for, such detention, proceeds to sea before she is released by competent authority, the master of the ship shall be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

(3) When a ship so proceeding to sea takes to sea, when on board thereof in the execution of his duty, any person authorised under this Act to detain or survey such ship, the owner and master of such ship shall each be liable to pay all expenses of, and incidental to, such person being so taken to sea, and shall also each be liable to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

(4) When any owner or master is convicted of an offence under sub-section (3), the convicting Magistrate may inquire into and determine the amount payable on account of expenses by such owner or master under that sub-section, and may direct that the same shall be recovered from him in the manner provided for the recovery of fines.

**285.** When an order under this Act for the payment of any wages or other money is made by a shipping-master or a Magistrate and the money is not paid at the time or in the manner directed, the sum mentioned in the order with such further sum as may be thereby awarded for costs, may be levied by distress and sale of the moveable property of the person directed to pay the same under a warrant to be issued for that purpose by a Magistrate. Levy of  
wages, etc.,  
by distress  
of moveable  
property.

**286.** Where any Court or Magistrate has power to make an order directing payment to be made of any seaman's wages, fines or other sums of money, then if the person so directed to pay the same is the Levy of  
wages, fines,  
etc., by  
distress of  
ship.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Royal Indian Marine Service".

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master or owner of a ship, and the same is not paid at the time or in the manner directed by the order, the Court or Magistrate may, in addition to any other power it or he may have for the purpose of compelling payment by warrant, direct the amount remaining unpaid to be levied by distress and sale of the ship, her tackle, furniture and apparel.

Service of documents.

**287.** Where for the purposes of this Act any document is to be served on any person, that document may be served—

- (a) in any case by delivering a copy thereof personally to the person to be served, or by leaving the same at his last place of abode; and
- (b) if the document is to be served on the master of a ship, where there is one, or on a person belonging to a ship, by leaving the same for him on board that ship, with the persons being or appearing to be in command or charge of the ship; and
- (c) if the document is to be served on the master of a ship where there is no master and the ship is in British India, on the managing owner of the ship, or, if there is no managing owner, on some agent of the owner residing in British India, or, where no such agent is known or can be found, by affixing a copy thereof to the mast of the ship.

Application of fines.

**288.** A Magistrate imposing a fine under this Act may, if he thinks fit, direct the whole or any part thereof to be applied in compensating any person for any detriment which he may have sustained by the act or default in respect of which the fine is imposed or in or towards payment of the expenses of the prosecution.

## PART IX.

### SUPPLEMENTAL.

Powers to see Act is complied with.

**289. (1)** Where a shipping-master has reasons to suspect that the provisions of this Act are not complied with, that officer may—

- (a) enter on board any British ship, and
- (b) muster and examine the crew.

**(2)** If any person obstructs any shipping-master in the execution of his duty under this section, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

### *Ship Surveyors.*

Power to appoint examiners.

**290.** The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may appoint competent persons for the purpose of examining the qualifications of persons desirous of

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practising the profession of a ship surveyor at any port in <sup>1</sup>[British India, and may], make rules—

- (a) for the conduct of such examinations and the qualifications to be required,
- (b) for the grant of certificates to qualified persons,
- (c) for the fees to be paid for such examinations and certificates,
- (d) for holding inquiries into charges of incompetency and misconduct on the part of holders of such certificates, and
- (e) for the suspension and cancellation of such certificates.

**291.** No person shall, in any port in which there is a person exercising the profession of a ship surveyor and holding a certificate granted under section 290, exercise such profession in such port unless he holds a certificate granted under that section:

Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent any person employed by Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping or Bureau Veritas from discharging any of the duties of such employment, or apply to any person specially exempted by the <sup>2</sup>[Central Government] from the operation of this section.

**292.** Any person exercising the profession of a ship surveyor in contravention of the provisions of section 291 shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand rupees, and shall be incapable of maintaining any suit for any fee or reward for anything done by him.

**293.** Any person appointed or authorised under this Act to survey a ship may, in the execution of his duties, go on board the ship and inspect the same and every part thereof, and the machinery, equipments and cargo, and may require the unloading or removal of any cargo, ballast or tackle.

**294.** All rules made under this Act shall be published in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette] <sup>4\*</sup> \* \* \* and, on such publication, shall have effect as if enacted in this Act.

**294A.** (1) The <sup>6</sup>[Central Government] may, if <sup>7</sup>[it] thinks fit, appoint Committees for the purpose of advising <sup>8</sup>[it] when considering the making or alteration of any rules or scales under this Act, consisting of such persons as <sup>7</sup>[it] may appoint representing the interests principally affected, or having special knowledge of the subject-matter.

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 6 and Sch., for "the territories administered by such Govt., and, subject to the control of the G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C." The words "the G. G. in C." were subs. by the Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1928 (6 of 1928), s. 2 and Sch., for the words "the L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Gazette of India".

<sup>4</sup> The words "or the local official Gazette, as the case may be," were rep. by Act 6 of 1928, s. 6 and Sch.

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by s. 8, *ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "him".

and to make  
rules as to  
qualifica-  
tions of  
ship sur-  
veyors.

No person  
to practise  
as ship  
surveyor  
unless quali-  
fied.

Penalty for  
practising as  
ship surveyor  
without  
certificate.

Powers of  
person  
appointed or  
authorised  
to survey  
ship.

Provisions  
with respect  
to rules.

Power to  
appoint  
committees  
to advise on  
rules and  
scales.

## (Part IX.—Supplemental. Schedule I.)

(2) There shall be paid to the members of any such Committee such travelling and other allowances as the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may fix.

(3) Committees may be appointed under this section to advise the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] especially as regards any special rules or scales, or, generally, as regards any class or classes of rules or scales which the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] may assign to them.]

**295.** No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.

**296.** [Repeal.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927).

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SCHEDULE I.

(See section 9.)

TABLE A.

*Fees to be charged for matters transacted at Shipping Offices.*

## 1. Engagement or discharge of crews:—

	Rs. A. P.
In ships under 100 tons . . . . .	3 0 0
„ from 100 to 200 tons . . . . .	7 0 0
„ „ 300 to 400 „ . . . . .	10 0 0
„ „ 400 to 500 „ . . . . .	12 8 0
„ „ 500 to 600 „ . . . . .	15 0 0
„ „ 600 to 700 „ . . . . .	17 8 0
„ „ 700 to 800 „ . . . . .	20 0 0
„ „ 800 to 900 „ . . . . .	22 8 0
„ „ 900 to 1,000 „ . . . . .	25 0 0
„ above 1,000 tons . . . . .	27 8 0
	30 0 0

and so on for ships of larger tonnage, adding for every one hundred tons above one thousand, two rupees and eight annas.

## 2. Engagement or discharge of seamen separately—one rupee for each seaman.

TABLE B.

*Sums to be deducted from Wages by way of partial Repayment of Fees in Table A.*

## 1. In respect of engagements and discharges of crews, upon each engagement and each discharge—

Rs. A. P.
From wages of any mate, purser, engineer, surgeon, carpenter or steward . . . . .
0 12 0

From wages of all others except apprentices . . . . .

0 8 0

## 2. In respect of engagements and discharges of seamen, separately, upon each engagement and each discharge . . . . .

0 8 0

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

(Schedules II, III and IV.)

## SCHEDULE II.

(See section 131.)

*Rates of Fees payable in respect of Survey of Steam-ships.*

		Tons.	Rs.
For steam-ships of less than . . . . .		200	40
" " 200 tons and up to . . . . .		350	50
" " 350 " " " . . . . .		700	60
" " 700 " " " . . . . .		1,000	80
" " 1,000 " " " . . . . .		1,500	100
" " 1,500 " and upwards . . . . .		...	120

SCHEDULE III.—[Applied sections of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894. Form of Governor's or Consul's Certificate of Expenditure in the case of passengers shipwrecked, etc.] Rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1937 (XX of 1937), s. 3 and Sch. II.

## SCHEDULE IV.

(See section 279.)

Declaration between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Government of the French Republic with reference to the disposal of the proceeds of Wrecks on their respective Coasts.

The Government of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and the Government of the French Republic, desiring to regulate by a new Agreement questions relative to the disposal of the proceeds of wrecks on the coasts of the two States, have agreed to replace the Declaration signed at London on the 16th June, 1879, by the following arrangements:—

## ARTICLE I.

When any ship belonging to the subjects of one of the two Contracting States is wrecked or stranded on the coast of the other, the competent local authorities shall, with as little delay as possible, bring the fact to the knowledge of the Consul General, Consul, Vice-Consul or Consular Agent nearest to the spot where the wreck or stranding has taken place.

## ARTICLE II.

All operations relative to the salvage of British ships which may be wrecked or stranded on the coasts of France shall be directed by the Consuls General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls or Consular Agents of Great

## (Schedule IV.)

Britain, and reciprocally the French Consuls General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls and Consular Agents shall direct all operations relative to the salvage of ships of their nation wrecked or stranded on the coasts of Great Britain.

## ARTICLE III.

If the owners of the ship and cargo, or their duly authorised representatives, shall be present and shall claim it, the Consuls General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls and Consular Agents shall hand over to them the conduct of the salvage operations after requiring the deposit of the ship's papers, as well as the reimbursement of the expenses already defrayed, and a sufficient guarantee for those incurred before the operations were handed over, and which may not have been already settled.

## ARTICLE IV.

The intervention of the local authorities shall only take place in the two countries for the purpose of assisting the Consular authority, of maintaining order, of securing the interests of the salvors if they are strangers to the shipwrecked crews, and of assuring the due execution of the arrangements to be carried out for the entry and departure of the merchandise saved.

In the absence, and until the arrival, of the Consuls General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls or Consular Agents, the local authorities shall, moreover, take all necessary measures for the protection of the persons and for the preservation of the articles which shall have been saved from the wreck.

This intervention shall not give rise to any charges, with the exception of those which the salvage operations and the protection of the articles saved shall have rendered necessary, and those to which national ships would, under similar circumstances, be liable. These charges shall be paid according to the circumstances of the case, either by the Agents of the Consular service, or by their owners or their proxies.

In case absence, sickness or any other cause should prevent the Agents of the Consular service from seeing to the operations and the management of the salvage, the local authorities who may be charged with the operations and management in question shall be bound to remit to the aforesaid Agents the ship's papers and the net proceeds of the ship and the cargo.

## ARTICLE V.

The merchandise and articles saved shall not be liable to any customs-duties, unless they are intended for home consumption, in which case

(*Schedule IV and Schedule V.*)

they shall pay the same duties as they would have had to pay if they had been imported in national vessels.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The stipulations of the present Declaration shall be applicable to all the Colonies and foreign possessions of Her Britannic Majesty, excepting those hereinafter named, that is to say, except to—

India.	Victoria.
The Dominion of Canada.	Queensland.
Newfoundland.	Tasmania.
The Cape.	South Australia.
Natal.	Western Australia.
New South Wales.	New Zealand.

Provided always that the stipulations of the present Declaration shall be made applicable to any of the above-named Colonies or foreign possessions on whose behalf notice to that effect shall have been given by Her Britannic Majesty's Representative to the French Republic within one year from the date of the signature of the present Declaration.

The stipulations of the present Declaration shall be applicable to all the Colonies and foreign possessions of France.

#### ARTICLE VII.

The present Declaration shall come into operation three months after the date of its signature, and shall remain in force until the expiration of one year from the day on which either Party may give notice of its intention to terminate it.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, His Excellency the Earl of Lytton, Ambassador of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and His Excellency M. Eugène Spuller, Minister for Foreign Affairs, have signed the present Declaration, and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done at Paris, this twenty-third day of October, 1889.

(L. S.) LYTTON.

(L. S.) E. SPULLER.

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*SCHEDULE V.—[ENACTMENTS REPEALED.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1927 (XII of 1927).*

THE MALKHARODA AND GAONTIA VILLAGES LAWS  
ACT, 1923.

ACT No. XXII OF 1923.<sup>1</sup>

[2nd April, 1923.]

An Act to declare the law in force in certain territories of the district of Sambalpur and to provide that the past administration of those territories shall not be called in question on the ground that they were not included in the territories administered by the Government of the Central Provinces.

WHEREAS by Proclamation published under Notification No. 2833, dated the first day of September, 1905, the Governor General in Council was pleased to declare and appoint that, with effect from the sixteenth day of October, 1905, the district of Sambalpur (except the Chandarpur-Padampur Zamindari and the Phuljhar Zamindari) which then formed part of the Central Provinces, should cease to form part of those Provinces and should be included within the limits of the Bengal Division of the Presidency of Fort William; and

WHEREAS by Proclamation published under Notification No. 289, dated the twenty-second day of March, 1912, the Governor General in Council, with the sanction of His Majesty, was pleased to constitute certain territories, including the said district of Sambalpur, a province under the name of the Province of Bihar and Orissa; and

WHEREAS it has appeared that by the above-mentioned Proclamations certain territories were included within the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal and thereafter within the Province of Bihar and Orissa which territories have nevertheless continued to be administered in all respects as if they had continued to be included in the Central Provinces; and

WHEREAS the Governor General in Council has, by Notification No. F-950 (Public), dated the eighth day of March, 1923, and made under section 60 of the Government of India Act with the approval of the Secretary of State for India in Council, been pleased to declare and appoint that the said territories shall again be included in the Central Provinces; and

WHEREAS it is expedient to declare the law which shall be applicable to the said territories and to provide that nothing done by any authority, executive or judicial, in, for or in relation to the said territories since the sixteenth day of October, 1905, shall be brought in question on the ground that the said territories did not form part of the Central Provinces; and to transfer the said territories from the

<sup>1</sup> For the Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1923, Pt. V, p. 123.

jurisdiction of the High Court of Judicature at Patna to the jurisdiction of the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of the Central Provinces; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**1.** This Act may be called the *Malkharoda and Gaontia Villages Short title. Laws Act, 1923.*

VII of  
1912.

**2.** Notwithstanding anything contained in the Bengal, Bihar and Orissa and Assam Laws Act, 1912, the territories specified in the Schedule (hereinafter referred to as the said territories) shall not be deemed to be included within the Province of Bihar and Orissa and nothing in that Act shall be deemed to be applicable to the said territories; but all enactments made by any authority in British India, and all notifications, orders, schemes, rules, forms and bye-laws issued, made or prescribed under such enactments, which immediately before the commencement of this Act were in force in the Central Provinces and would have been in force in the said territories if they had been part of the Bilaspur district of the Central Provinces shall be in force in the said territories.

**3.** On and from the commencement of this Act, the High Court of Judicature at Patna shall cease to exercise within the said territories the jurisdiction and powers which the said High Court exercises from time to time within the limits of the places for which the said High Court was established; and the said territories are hereby declared for all the purposes of the Central Provinces Courts Act, 1917, to form part of the territories to which that Act extends.

C. P. Act I  
of 1917.

**4.** No suit or other legal proceeding whatsoever, whether civil or criminal, shall lie against any officer of the <sup>1</sup>[Crown] or against any person acting under the orders of any such officer for or on account of or in respect of any act, matter or thing ordered or done in or in relation to the said territories on the ground that the said territories were not, at the time at which such act, matter or thing was so ordered or done, included in the Central Provinces or that the law in force in the said territories was not at such time the law in force in the said Provinces, but was the law in force in the Sambalpur district of the Bengal Division of the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal or in the Sambalpur district of the Province of Bihar and Orissa.

**5.** No Court or authority, whether civil, criminal or revenue, shall entertain any suit, claim, appeal or application whatsoever for the retrial of any suit or case tried by any Court in the Central Provinces, or shall reverse, annul, amend, declare invalid, or refuse to give effect to, anything done by any such Court or by any authority whatsoever established in the Central Provinces, or shall annul, amend, declare invalid, or refuse to give effect to, any notification, order, rule, bye-law, instrument or document whatsoever, merely on the ground that

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "Govt."

at the time at which such suit or case was tried, or such thing was done, or such notification, order, rule, bye-law, instrument or document was issued, made or executed, the said territories were not included in the Central Provinces or that the law in the said territories was not at such time the law for the time being in force in the Central Provinces, but was the law for the time being in force in the Sambalpur district of the Bengal Division of the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal or in the Sambalpur district of the Province of Bihar and Orissa.

Saving as to  
territory  
subsequently  
transferred  
to Orissa.

<sup>1</sup>[6. This Act shall have effect subject to any provisions contained in or made by virtue of the Government of India (Constitution of Orissa) Order, 1936.]

### THE SCHEDULE.

(See section 2.)

#### *Malkharoda Jagir.*

Serial No.	Name of village.	Settlement Number.	Patwari Circle.	Total area of the village in acres.
1. Ameradih	.	1190	262	402.80
2. Kurda	.	1278	261	1,376.39
3. Kurdi	.	1279	261	323.65
4. Kaimi	.	1249	263	1,041.14
5. Charpara	.	1392	263	639.77
6. Chhapora	.	1418	261	1,385.13
7. Dongridhi	.	1479	261	335.87
8. Nuagaon	.	1553	262	832.88
9. Pirdha	.	1606	261	1,469.92
10. Pihirid	.	1608	262	1,776.70
11. Bardhata	.	1663	261	244.90
12. Birbhata	.	1687	263	362.73
13. Bhatoria	.	1722	262	830.96
14. Mohtara	.	1797	262	809.21
15. Malkharoda	.	1770	263	1,445.48
16. Mukta	.	1776	263	901.72
17. Sipat (Bad)	.	1872	261	1,871.96
18. Sipat (San)	.	1873	262	618.53
19. Sarasdol	.	1866	262	581.78
20. Senduras	.	1893	262	1,364.35
	Total	...	...	18,615.87

<sup>1</sup> Ins. by the A. O.

**1923: Act XXII.]** *Malkharoda and Gaontia Villages Jars.* 831

**1923: Act XXIII.]** *Legal Practitioners (Women).*

*Gaontia Villages.*

Serial No.	Name of village.	Settlement Number.	Patwari Circle.	Total area of the village in acres.
1. Kuhakunda	.	1287	284	616.57
2. Chharra	.	1419	278	665.35
3. Jogni	.	1441	287	701.09
4. Thakurpali	.	1466	287	149.43
5. Panchpurgia	.	1570	287	38.27
6. Panchpurgia	.	1571	282	24.10
7. Brahmapura	.	1664	285	63.41
8. Badimal	.	1675	284	1,233.92
9. Mahadehpali	.	1761	280	205.55
Total		—	—	3,698.27

**THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (WOMEN) ACT, 1923.**

**Act No. XXIII of 1923.<sup>1</sup>**

[2nd April, 1923.]

An Act for the removal of doubts regarding the right of women to be enrolled and to practise as legal practitioners.

WHEREAS it is expedient to remove certain doubts which have arisen as to the right of women to be enrolled and to practise as legal practitioners; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Legal Practitioners (Women) Act, Short title 1923. and extent.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan and the Sonthal Parganas.

2. In this Act "legal practitioner" means a legal practitioner as Definition. defined in section 3 of the Legal Practitioners Act, 1879.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any enactment in force in Women not British India or in the letters patent of any High Court or in any rule to be dis-qualified by or order made under or in pursuance of any such enactment or letters reason only patent, no woman shall, by reason only of her sex, be disqualified from being admitted or enrolled as a legal practitioner or from practising as such; and any such rule or order which is repugnant to the provisions of this Act shall, to the extent of such repugnancy, be void.

XVIII of  
1879.

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1923, Pt. V, p. 160.

THE MAHENDRA PARTAB SINGH ESTATES ACT,  
1923.

Act No. XXIV OF 1923.<sup>1</sup>

[19th July, 1923.]

An Act to provide for the forfeiture of the estates and other property of Mahendra Partab Singh and for their grant to his son, subject to certain conditions.

WHEREAS Mahendra Partab Singh, formerly a resident of Hathras in the District of Aligarh in the United Provinces, son of the late Raja Ghansham Singh Bahadur and adopted son of the late Raja Har Narayan Singh, did treasonably ally himself with and assist His Majesty's enemies in the late war and is now a fugitive from justice; and

Whereas the estates of the said Mahendra Partab Singh have been and are now attached under the provisions of the Bengal State Prisoners Regulation, 1818; and

III of 1818.

Whereas the said Mahendra Partab Singh was, at the date of the attachment, possessed of certain moveable property and other such property has been acquired since the said attachment; and

Whereas it is expedient for the purpose of the proper administration of the said estates and property and for preventing the use of the same or the income thereof in a manner prejudicial to the safety and good government of British India that all the right, title, interest, claim and demand of the said Mahendra Partab Singh in the said estates and property should be forfeited and thereafter be transferred to his son, Prem Partab Singh, subject nevertheless to certain conditions; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**Short title.**

1. This Act may be called the Mahendra Partab Singh Estates Act, 1923.

**Forfeiture of the property of Mahendra Partab Singh.**

2. With effect from the commencement of this Act, the whole of the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever of the said Mahendra Partab Singh in, to or upon the property specified in the Schedule and in, to or upon any other immoveable or moveable property of whatever description in British India, and in, to or upon all liberties, privileges, benefits, easements and appurtenances whatsoever belonging or in anywise appertaining thereto or usually held or enjoyed therewith (all which estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand is hereinafter referred to as the property) shall absolutely cease and be extinguished, and thereupon the property shall become vested in His Majesty.

<sup>1</sup> For the Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1923, Pt. V, p. 157.

3. The <sup>1</sup>[Central Government], as soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, shall grant the property to Prem Partab Singh, son of the said Mahendra Partab Singh, subject to such provisions, restrictions, conditions and limitations over as <sup>2</sup>[it] may think fit.

### THE SCHEDULE.

*(See section 2.)*

#### PART I.

##### IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY.

###### *A.—Muttra District.*

Serial No.	Description of property.	Area or extent.	Revenue and cess.	Tahsil.
			Rs. A. P.	
1	Ojhani . . . . .	Whole . . .	1,320 0 0	Chhata.
2	Jatwari . . . . .	17½ Biswas .	2,037 0 0	"
3	Hussaini . . . . .	Whole . . .	2,456 0 0	"
4	Karhari . . . . .	„ . . .	700 0 0	"
5	Khursi . . . . .	„ . . .	495 0 0	"
6	Rampur . . . . .	„ . . .	890 0 0	"
7	Majhoi . . . . .	„ . . .	1,000 0 0	"
8	Basai (Shergarh) . . .	„ . . .	534 0 0	"

###### *B.—Aligarh District.*

Serial No.	Description of property.	Area or extent.	Revenues and cess.	Tahsil.
			Rs. A. P.	
1	Qasba Koil property—	Big. Bis. Bisi.		
	(a) Patti Khalsa . .	1,073 13 17	1,291 7 11	Koil.
	(b) Miscellaneous property.	1 4 2	0 5 10	"
	(c) Patti Muaf Munzabta	31 7 7	84 10 0	"

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "G. G. in C."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "he".

THE SCHEDULE—*contd.**B.—Aligarh District—contd.*

Serial No.	Description of property.	Area or extent.	Revenue and cess.		Tahsil.
1— <i>contd.</i>	Qasba Koil property— <i>contd.</i>	Big. Bis. Bisi.	Rs. A. P.		
	(d) Patti for Dargah expenses.	0 8 0			
	(e) Muafi Kam-az-dah bigha.	0 2 19 and 10 Kachwansis.	Rev- enue free—	The cesses are— (d) 0 2 5 (e) 0 0 11 (f) 1 6 5 (g) Nil.	Koil.
	(f) Patti Muafi Dawam .	4 15 0			
	(g) Block No. 16 . .	7 3 0	Rent roll	24 0 0	„
	(h) Chawni Dayaram Mazra Mauza Gam-bhirpura.	51 5 0		12 4 10	„
2	Tochigarh Mohal Ghairkh-wastgaran (Muafi).	83 4 0	Cess .	12 0 0	Iglas.
3	Patti Sanwant (Whole village).	384 17 0	Rent roll	1,260 8 0	Hathras.
			Revenue	580 0 0	
			Cesses .	58 0 0	
4	Sokhana . .	25 12 0	„ .	5 8 0	„
5	Garhi Kand-hari.	16 11 0	„ .	2 6 4	„
6	Bala Patti Sheikh Jafar.	9 9 0	„ .	4 5 2	„
7	Garhi Garab .	4 3 0	„ .	0 5 5	„
8	Garden in Qasba Hathras situated in different mahals as below :— (Muafi) .				
	(a) Mahal 15 biswa.	124 13 0	„ .	15 14 5	„
	(b) Mahal 5 biswa.	65 5 0	„ .	13 4 5	„
	(c) Mahal 5 biswa (mort-gagor rights).	10 19 16	„ .	32 2 4	„

**THE SCHEDULE—contd.**  
**C.—Koil Municipality.**

Serial No.	Municipal number (if any) and description of property.	Situation.	BOUNDARIES OF SHOPS.			
			North.	South.	East.	West.
1	Shop	Under school	Shop of Kunwar Mahendra Pratap Singh.	Door and Road	Shop of boundary.	Shop of Kunwar Sahib.
2	Do.	60	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
3	Do.	61	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
4	Do.	62	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
5	Do.	63	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
6	Do.	64	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
7	Do.	..	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
8	Do.	65	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
9	Do.	66	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
10	Do.	67	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
11	Do.	68	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
12	Do.	69	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
13	Do.	70	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
14	Do.	41	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
15	Do.	40	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
16	Do.	39	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
17	Do.	38	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
18	Do.	37	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
19	Do.	36	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
20	Do.	35	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
		34	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.

THE SCHEDULE—*contd.*C.—*Koil Municipality*—*contd.*

Serial No.	Municipal number (if any) and description of property.	Situation.	BOUNDARIES OF SHOPS.			
			North.	South.	East.	West.
21	Shop	38 Under school	Door and Road Ditto	School building Ditto	Shop of Kunwar Sahib Ditto	Shop of Kunwar Sahib, Ditto.
22	Do.	82	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
23	Do.	81	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Shop of Jugal Kishor.
24	Do.	73	Bazar Pathar	Shop of Choba Mathura	Door and Road Ditto	Shop of Gobind Saran.
25	Do.	72	Ditto	Shop of Kanhai Lal	Ditto	Shop of Kunwar Sahib.
26	Do.	81	Bazar Kassera	Shop of Parvatha	Ditto	Shop of Bansi Dhar Shop of Prashadi Lal.
27	Do.	87	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Shop of Sitaram.
28	Do.	96	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Shop of Jager Nath.
29	Do.	84	Bazar Lohat	Shop of Nand Kishore	Shop of Basdeo	Door and Road.
30	Do.	9	Mandi Rai	Shop of Nathi Mal	Shop of Mool Chand	Door and Road.
31	Do.	6	Ditto	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	Shop of Tara Chand	House.
32	Do.	5	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Do.
33	Do.	4	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Shop of Mandawala, Ditto.
34	Do.	3	Ditto	Shop of Jachman Das	Ditto	Shop.
35	Do.	15	Zer Kotwali	Kotwali	Door and Road	Shop of Kunwar Sahib, Ditto.
36	Do.	105	Najhai	Door and Road Ditto	House of Kohliwala Ditto	Shop of Lala Ram Ditto.
37	Do.	104	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
38	Do.	103	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Shop of Kunwar Sahib Ditto.
39	Do.	102	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Shop of Phare Lal.
40	Do.	95	Ditto	Ditto	House of Puran	Shop of Bhola Nath.

41	Do.	.	96	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	Ditto.	Ditto.
42	Do.	.	95	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
43	Do.	.	94	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Ditto	Ditto	Shop of Mandir Saroogi.
44	Do.	.	76	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Ditto	Ditto	Shop of Ranchand.
45	Do.	.	77	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Shop of Nata Ram	Ditto	Shop of Kunwar Sahib.
46	Do.	.	23	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Shop of Jagarnath	Ditto.	Ditto.
47	Do.	.	22	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	Ditto.	Shop of Chimanji Lal.
48	Do.	.	20	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Door and Road	Ditto	Shop of Jagarnath.
49	Do.	.	12	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Shop of Gobind Ram	Ditto	Shop of Radha Manohar.
50	To.	.	11	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	Ditto	Shop of Radha Manohar.
51	Do.	.	100	Halwakhana	.	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	.	Shop of Har Prasad	Ditto	Shop of Kunwar Sahib.
52	Do.	.	1	Ditto	.	Shop of Piaro Lal	.	Door and Road	Ditto	Shop of Mumna Lal.
53	Do.	.	84	Ditto	.	Door and Road	.	Shop of Thakur Sahib	Ditto	Ditto.
54	Do.	.	82	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Well	.	Street,
55	Do.	.	107	Sasni Darwaza	.	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	.	Shop of Najhai	Ditto	Shop of Radha Ballabh.
56	Do.	.	106	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Shop of Ganeshi	Ditto	Door and Road.
57	Do.	.	105	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	House of Thakura	Ditto	Ditto.
58	Do.	.	104	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
59	Do.	.	43	Ditto	.	Road Baiderban	.	Ditto	Ditto	House of Budhsen.
60	Do.	.	44	Ditto	.	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	.	Street Balakhana	Ditto	Ditto.
61	Do.	.	103	Ditto	.	Ditto	.	Street	.	Door and Road.
62	Do.	.	20	Gurihat	.	Ditto	.	Shop of Ramswarup	Ditto	House of Natha Ram.
63	Do.	.	32	Ditto	.	Shop of Jaiswal	.	Shop of Nemi Mal	Ditto	Shop of Halwakhana.
64	Do.	.	30	Ditto	.	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	.	Shop of Ramswarup	Ditto	House of Thathera.
65	Do.	.	19	Ditto	.	Door and Belakhana	.	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	Ditto	Shop of Halwakhana.
66	Do.	.	69	Ditto	.	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	.	Shop	.	Door and Road.
67	Do.	.	68	Ditto	.	Shop of Madan Lal	.	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	Ditto	Ditto.
68	Do.	.	66	Ditto	.	Shop of Sunar	.	Shop of Gobind saran	Ditto	Ditto.

THE SCHEDULE—*contd.*

## C.—Koil Municipality—concl'd.

Serial No.	Municipal number (if any) and description of property.	Situation.	BOUNDARIES OF SHOPS.			
			North.	South.	East.	West.
69	Shop	8	Pasrathia	Door and Road	Shop of Kaserath Bazaar	Shop of Kunwar Sahib.
70	Do.	4	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Shop of Ganeshi Lal.
71	Do	12	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Shop of Angan Lal.
72	Do.	61	Ditto	House of Darbar Lal	Door and Road	Shop of Kanhalaya Lal.
73	Do.	63	Chauk Daulat Ram	Door and Road	Temple of Ganeshi Lal	Street.
74	Do.	82	Bazar Chakildi	Shop of Gillo Mal.	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	Kothi Ram Lal.
75	Do.	83	Ditto	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	Shop of Tika Ram	Ditto.
75(a)	Do.	Balakhana	Gurhiai	Temple of Gangaji	Shop of Ransarup	Door and Road.
76	Do.	3	Zer Kolwali	Door and Road	House of Bhulraj	Ditto.
76(a)	Do.	Balakhana	Najhai	Street.	Balakhana	Shop of Ganga Prasad.
77	Do.	40	Lohat	Shop of Kunwar Sahib	Shop of Moti Ram	Door and Road.
78	Do.	39	Ditto	Shop of Jamna Sahai	Ditto	Ditto.
79	Medressa	..	Bazar Pathar	Bazar Paarathia	Bazar Pathar	Municipal Well.

## D.—Koil Tahsil.

Serial No.	Municipal number (if any) and description of property.	Situation.	BOUNDARIES			
			North.	South.	East.	West.
1	Sarai of Lahruyan of 60 houses.	Mohalla Ghuribagh	Field of Haji Chand	Field of Ganga Sahai	Field of Haji Chand	Public Road.
2	Sarai Intizam Ali of 13 houses.	Mohalla Madar Darwaza	Flour Mill of Tika Ram	House of Nannu Bhattara	Public Road	House of Khwaj Bakhsh Bhattara.
3	Do. 1 house	Ditto	House of Tika Ram	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
4	Do. 1 house	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
5	Shop	Sarai Intizam Ali	Sarai Intizam Ali	Road	Shop of Babu Lal	Shop of B. Panna Lal.
6	Do.	Bala Kila	House of Weavers	Do.	Shop of Maula Dad Khan	Shop of Jahangir.
7	Ahata (enclosure)	Madar Darwaza	Flour Mill of Tika Ram	House of Nana Bhattara	House of Nana Bhattara	Road.
8						Proprietary rights of the land on which public latrines are situated in Mohalla Sarai Rahman.
9						Proprietary rights of the house of Babu Malik Chand in Mohalla Sarai Rahman.
10						Proprietary rights of the land on which the workshop of <i>ent</i> is situated in Banna Debi.

## THE SCHEDULE—*contd.*

E.-Dehra Dun.

Munici pal No.	Name of manza.	Pargana.	Khara No.	Area in acres. acres.	Name of houses.	Municipal No.	AMOUNT PAID ON ACCOUNT OF		Municipal tax.	Boundaries.
							House rent yearly accruting.	Land Revenue. Rent.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12
1	Karanpur khas	Western Dun	Dilkusha	2,47 .14 .16 .78	44 Rajpur Road, Dehra Dun.	Rs. 1,080	Rs. 16 9	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	North . Kohl Inverness South . House of Mr. T. Grey. East . Canal. West . Manza Salawala.
2	Ditto	Ditto	Inverness	158 159 160 161 4 3-65	43 Rajpur Road, Dehra Dun.	600	16 6 0	..	..	North . Church and Ko- thi Daya. South . Kothi Dilkusha. East . Canal. West . Manza Salawala.
3	Ditto	Ditto		147 148 149 150 151 162	42 Rajpur Road, Dehra Dun.	840	16 6 9	..	..	North . Kothi Dharma. South . Kothi Inverness East . Church. West . Manza Salawala.
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THE SCHEDULE—*contd.*

## PART II.

## MOVEABLE PROPERTY.

Serial No.	Nature of securities.	Face value.	Price paid.	Date of purchase.	In whose possession the securities, scripts, certificates, deeds, etc., are.
1	Post Office Cash Certificates payable on 27th September 1923, <i>viz.</i> —  Nos. A. D.- 008471 to A.D.-008480 for Rs. 500 each . . . 5,000  Nos. A. B.- 005789 to A.B.-005790 for Rs. 500 each . . . 1,000 C U 045222 to  U 045225 of Rs. 100 each 400  N.1725 . . . 50  6,450	Rs.	Rs. A. P.		
2	6 per cent. United Provinces Bonds, Nos. C-004640 to C-004648 for Rs. 1,000 each B-000910 to B-000912 for Rs. 500 each A-004373 to A-004379 for Rs. 100 each, dated the 15th November 1921.	10,700	9,951 0 0	18th October 1921.	Ditto.
3	5 per cent. War Loan, 1921—1947, No. 013192.	7,350		15th August 1917.	Collector, Aligarh.
4	Inscribed stock No. 742 of 5 per cent. War Loan, 1929—1947.	4,200	10,973 0 0	10th October 1917.	Public Debt Office.
5	Inscribed stock No. 1753 of 5 per cent. War Loan, 1929—1947.	1,500	..	10th April 1920 .	Ditto.
6	5½ per cent. War Bond, 1928.	2,000	..	11th November 1920.	Assistant Accountant-General, Posts and Telegraphs, Calcutta. Safe custody receipt No. PDD/284, dated 14th October 1920.
7	6 per cent. United Provinces Bonds for Rs. 1,000 each, Nos. C-004358 and C-004359 dated .  Post Office Cash Certificates payable in 1924—  No.T.-037910 . . . 50 No.Y 017967 . . . 100 No. A. B.- 047074 . . . 500  650	Rs.  No.T.-037910 . . . 50 No.Y 017967 . . . 100 No. A. B.- 047074 . . . 500  650	508 12 0	15th November 1919.	Collector, Aligarh.  Ditto.

THE SCHEDULE—*concl.*

Serial No.	Nature of securities.	Face value.	Price paid,	Date of purchase.	In whose possession the securities, scripts, certificates, deeds, etc., are.
8	5½ percent, War Loan, 1923—1947, No. 018050.	Rs. 1,000	Rs. A. P. 950 0 0	1917	Superintendent, Dehra Dun.
9	Post Office Cash Certificates payable on 12th September 1923— 1 of Rs. 10—No. E. 09108. 1 of Rs. 20—No. K.—030543. 4 of Rs. 100 each—Nos. <u>X</u> —088192 to 088195. 8 of Rs. 50 each—Nos. A. D.—008368 to A. D.—008370.	1,930	1,496 0 0	12th September, 1918.	Ditto.

## THE MOORSHEDABAD (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1923.

Act No. XXV of 1923.<sup>1</sup>

[25th July, 1923.]

An Act to modify certain provisions of the Indenture confirmed by the Moorshedabad Act, 1891.

WHEREAS it is expedient to modify certain provisions of the Indenture confirmed by the Moorshedabad Act, 1891; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Moorshedabad (Amendment) Act, Short title. 1923.
2. The provisions of the Indenture set out in the Schedule to the Modification of Indenture, XV of 1891. Moorshedabad Act, 1891, which provide that the Nawab Bahadur of Moorshedabad shall not, nor shall any of his successors, sell, mortgage, devise or alienate certain properties referred to in the said Indenture respectively or any of them otherwise than by lease or demise for a term not exceeding twenty-one years and under a rent without bonus or salamee shall have effect as if for the words “for a term not exceeding

<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1923, Pt. V, p. 235.

(Preliminary.)

twenty-one years and under a rent without bonus or salamee " the following words were substituted, namely :—

" the terms and conditions of which have been previously approved by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government of Bengal] ":

Provided that nothing herein contained shall affect anything done, or any right or liability which has accrued or been incurred, under any such lease or demise before the commencement of this Act.

## THE MUSSALMAN WAKF ACT, 1923.

Act No. XLII OF 1923.<sup>2</sup>

[5th August, 1923.]

An Act to make provision for the better management of wakf property and for ensuring the keeping and publication of proper accounts in respect of such properties.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the better management of wakf property and for ensuring the keeping and publication of proper accounts in respect of such properties; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

### Preliminary.

Short title,  
extent and  
commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Mussalman Wakf Act, 1923;
- (2) It extends to the whole of British India, including British Baluchistan and the Sonthal Parganas;
- (3) This section shall come into force at once; and
- (4) The <sup>3</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>4</sup>[Official Gazette], direct<sup>5</sup> that the remaining provisions of this Act, or any of them which it may specify, shall come into force in the

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " Governor of Bengal in Council ".

<sup>2</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1921, Pt. V, p. 182; and for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1923, Pt. V, p. 139.

This Act has been rep. in its application to Bengal by the Bengal Wakf Act, 1934 (Ben. 13 of 1934), s. 82, and amended in its application to Bombay by the Mussalman Wakf (Bombay Amendment) Act, 1935 (Bom. 18 of 1935).

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " L. G. ".

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for " local official Gazette ".

<sup>5</sup> Ss. 2 to 5 and 7 to 13 were brought into force in the Punjab with effect from the 14th May, 1924, see Punjab Gazette, 1924, Pt. I, p. 418.

Ss. 2 to 13 were brought into force in the Presidency of Bombay including Sind from the 1st June, 1925, see Bombay Government Gazette, 1925, Pt. I, p. 1414.

All provisions of the Act were brought into force in Bihar and Orissa from the 3rd September, 1925, see B. & O. Gazette, 1925, Pt. II, p. 1192.

Ss. 2 to 13 were brought into force in the Presidency of Bengal with certain modifications from the 1st June, 1927, see Calcutta Gazette, Pt. I, p. 1008.

Ss. 2 to 13 were brought into force in Ajmer-Merwara from 1st February, 1928, see Gazette of India, 1928, Pt. II-A, p. 20.

Ss. 2 to 5 and 7 to 13 were brought into force in the N.-W. F. P. with effect from 24th February, 1928, see N.-W. F. P. Gazette, 1928, Pt. I-A, p. 188.

(Preliminary. Statements of Particulars.)

Province, or any specified part thereof, on such date as it may appoint in this behalf.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or Definitions context,—

- (a) "benefit" does not include any benefit which a mutwalli is entitled to claim solely by reason of his being such mutwalli;
- (b) "Court" means the Court of the District Judge or, within the limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of a High Court, such Court, subordinate to the High Court, as the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], designate in this behalf;
- (c) "mutwalli" means any person appointed either verbally or under any deed or instrument by which a wakf has been created or by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be the mutwalli of a wakf, and includes a naib-mutwalli or other person appointed by a mutwalli to perform the duties of the mutwalli, and, save as otherwise provided in this Act, any person who is for the time being administering any wakf property;
- (d) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act; and
- (e) "wakf" means the permanent dedication by a person professing the Mussalman faith of any property for any purpose recognised by the Mussalman law as religious, pious or charitable, but does not include any wakf, such as is described in section 3 of the Mussalman Wakf Validating Act, 1913, under which any benefit is for the time being claimable for himself by the person by whom the wakf was created or by any of his family or descendants.

VI of 1913.

#### *Statements of Particulars.*

3. (1) Within six months from the commencement of this Act every Obligation mutwalli shall furnish to the Court within the local limits of whose to furnish jurisdiction the property of the wakf of which he is the mutwalli is <sup>particulars relating to</sup> situated or to any one of two or more such Courts, a statement containing the following particulars, namely:—

- (a) a description of the wakf property sufficient for the identification thereof;
- (b) the gross annual income from such property;
- (c) the gross amount of such income which has been collected during the five years preceding the date on which the

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

## (Statements of Particulars.)

statement is furnished, or of the period which has elapsed since the creation of the wakf, whichever period is shorter;

- (d) the amount of the Government revenue and cesses, and of all rents, annually payable in respect of the wakf property;
- (e) an estimate of the expenses annually incurred in the realisation of the income of the wakf property, based on such details as are available of any such expenses incurred within the period to which the particulars under clause (c) relate;
- (f) the amount set apart under the wakf for—
  - (i) the salary of the mutwalli and allowances to individuals;
  - (ii) purely religious purposes;
  - (iii) charitable purposes;
  - (iv) any other purposes; and
- (g) any other particulars which may be prescribed.

(2) Every such statement shall be accompanied by a copy of the deed or instrument creating the wakf or, if no such deed or instrument has been executed or a copy thereof cannot be obtained, shall contain full particulars, as far as they are known to the mutwalli, of the origin, nature and objects of the wakf.

(3) Where—

- (a) a wakf is created after the commencement of this Act, or
- (b) in the case of a wakf such as is described in section 3 of the Wakf Validating Act, 1913, the person creating the wakf VI of 1913, or any member of his family or any of his descendants is at the commencement of this Act alive and entitled to claim any benefit thereunder,

the statement referred to in sub-section (1) shall be furnished, in the case referred to in clause (a), within six months of the date on which the wakf is created or, if it has been created by a written document, of the date on which such document is executed, or, in the case referred to in clause (b), within six months of the date of the death of the person entitled to such benefit as aforesaid, or of the last survivor of any such persons, as the case may be.

Publication of particulars and requisition of further particulars.

4. (1) When any statement has been furnished under section 3, the Court shall cause notice of the furnishing thereof to be affixed in some conspicuous place in the Court-house and to be published in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed, and thereafter any person may apply to the Court by a petition in writing, accompanied by the prescribed fee, for the issue of an order requiring the mutwalli to furnish further particulars or documents.

(2) On such application being made, the Court may, after making such inquiry, if any, as it thinks fit, if it is of opinion that any further particulars or documents are necessary in order that full information may be obtained regarding the origin, nature or objects of the wakf or

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General Provisions.*)

the condition or management of the wakf property, cause to be served on the mutwalli an order requiring him to furnish such particulars or documents within such time as the Court may direct in the order.

*Statement of Accounts, and Audit.*

5. Within three months after the thirty-first day of March next following the date on which the statement referred to in section 3 has been furnished, and thereafter within three months of the thirty-first day of March in every year, every mutwalli shall prepare and furnish to the Court to which such statement was furnished a full and true statement of accounts, in such form and containing such particulars as may be prescribed, of all moneys received or expended by him on behalf of the wakf of which he is the mutwalli during the period of twelve months ending on such thirty-first day of March or, as the case may be, during that portion of the said period during which the provisions of this Act have been applicable to the wakf:

Provided that the Court may, if it is satisfied that there is sufficient cause for so doing, extend the time allowed for the furnishing of any statement of accounts under this section.

6. Every statement of accounts shall, before it is furnished to the Court under section 5, be audited—

(a) in the case of a wakf the gross income of which during the year in question, after deduction of the land-revenue and cesses, if any, payable to the Government, exceeds two thousand rupees, by a person who is the holder of a certificate granted by the <sup>1</sup>[Central Government] under section 144 of the Indian Companies Act, 1913, or is a member of any institution or association the members of which have been declared under that section to be entitled to act as auditors of companies throughout British India; or

(b) in the case of any other wakf, by any person authorised in this behalf by general or special order of the said Court.

VII of 1913.

*General Provisions.*

7. Notwithstanding anything contained in the deed or instrument creating any wakf, every mutwalli may pay from the income of the wakf property any expenses properly incurred by him for the purpose of enabling him to furnish any particulars, documents or copies under section 3 or section 4 or in respect of the preparation or audit of the annual accounts for the purposes of this Act.

8. Every statement of particulars furnished under section 3 or section 4, and every statement of accounts furnished under section 5,

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

## (General Provisions. Penalty. Rules.)

shall be written<sup>1</sup> in the language of the Court to which it is furnished, and shall be verified in the manner provided in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for the signing and verification of pleadings.

V of 1908.

Inspection  
and copies.

**9.** Any person shall, with the permission of the Court and on payment of the prescribed fee, at any time at which the Court is open, be entitled to inspect in the prescribed manner, or to obtain a copy of, any statement of particulars or any document furnished to the Court under section 3 or section 4, or any statement of accounts furnished to it under section 5, or any audit report made on an audit under section 6.

*Penalty.*

Penalties.

**10.** Any person who is required by or under section 3 or section 4 to furnish a statement of particulars or any document relating to a wakf, or who is required by section 5 to furnish a statement of accounts, shall, if he, without reasonable cause the burden of proving which shall be upon him, fails to furnish such statement or document, as the case may be, in due time, or furnishes a statement which he knows or has reason to believe to be false, misleading or untrue in any material particular, or, in the case of a statement of accounts, furnishes a statement which has not been audited in the manner required by section 6, be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or, in the case of a second or subsequent offence, with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees.

*Rules.*Power to  
make rules.

**11.** (1) The <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may, after previous publication, by notification in the <sup>3</sup>[Official Gazette], make rules to carry into effect the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) the additional particulars to be furnished by mutwallis under clause (g) of sub-section (1) of section 3;
- (b) the fees to be charged upon applications made to a Court under sub-section (1) of section 4;
- (c) the form in which the statement of accounts referred to in section 5 shall be furnished, and the particulars which shall be contained therein;
- (d) the powers which may be exercised by auditors for the purpose of any audit referred to in section 6, and the particulars to be contained in the reports of such auditors;

<sup>1</sup> In the application of the Act to B. & O. the words "in Urdu or" shall be read after the word "written", see B. & O. Mussalman Wakf (Amendment) Act, 1926 (1 of 1926), s. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

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- (e) the fees respectively chargeable on account of the allowing of inspections and of the supply of copies under section 9;
- (f) the safe custody of statements, audit reports and copies of deeds or instruments furnished to Courts under this Act; and
- (g) any other matter which is to be or may be prescribed.

**12. Nothing in this Act shall—****Savings.**

- (a) affect any other enactment for the time being in force in British India providing for the control or supervision of religious or charitable endowments; or
- (b) apply in the case of any wakf the property of which—
  - (i) is being administered by the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments, the Administrator General or the Official Trustee; or
  - (ii) is being administered either by a receiver appointed by any Court of competent jurisdiction, or under a scheme for the administration of the wakf which has been settled or approved by any Court of competent jurisdiction or by any other authority acting under the provisions of any enactment.

**13. The <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the <sup>Exemption.</sup>  
<sup>2</sup>[Official Gazette], exempt<sup>3</sup> from the operation of this Act or of any specified provision thereof any wakf or wakfs created or administered for the benefit of any specified section of the Mussalman community.**

<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "L. G."

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the A. O. for "local official Gazette".

<sup>3</sup> For the exemption of wakfs created for the Dawoodi Borah section in the Bombay Presidency for a period of 3 years, see Bom. Govt. Gazette, 1925, Pt. I, p. 1414.



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